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ANSBACH ARMY BASE

Officials: US hiding details about water contamination

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AND MARCUS KLOECKNER
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The Army is withholding the results of groundwater and soil tests that looked for harmful chemical contamination near its facilities in Ansbach and has failed to fix a public health problem that has lingered for years, German officials have said.

"The city of Ansbach greatly regrets that, for the foreseeable future, it will not be possible to report on reliable results from the detailed investigation and solutions for eliminating the burden" of chemical toxins in drinking water and soil, a city spokesman, who asked not to be named, said in an email sent to Stars and Stripes.

The chemical substance at the heart of the row, which has been roiling since 2016, is perfluorooctane sulfonate, or PFOS. Three years ago, the compound was found in soil samples at the airfield at the Army's Katterbach Kaserne.

PFOS and similar chemicals known as perfluorinated compounds, or PFCs, are part of a group of man-made chemicals known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS. They have been found at military bases worldwide and, in some cases, have contaminated drinking supplies. At bases in the U.S., the military is spending hundreds of millions of dollars to mitigate PFC contamination.

Once widely used in firefighting foam, PFCs also are found in stain repellents used in carpets and clothing and in the nonstick coatings of cooking utensils. The chemical compounds do not break down in the environment and accumulate in the bodies of humans and animals.

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Tactical shift

Amid renewed tension with Iran, US Air Force temporarily moves its Middle East command center from Qatar to SC

By ADAM TAYLOR
The Washington Post

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar — For 13 years, the U.S. has used a single building in this tiny Gulf state to command fighter jets, bombers, drones and other Air Force assets in a region that stretches from Northeast Africa through the Middle East to South Asia.

And yet on Saturday, as 300 planes were up in the air in key areas such as Syria, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf, hundreds of seats at the Combined Air Operations Center at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, sat empty.

Instead, the air power of the U.S. and its allies was being controlled by teams at Shaw Air Base, S.C., — more than 7,000 miles away. Though the move was temporary — Al Udeid took control back on Sunday after 24 hours — it was a significant tactical shift.

The unannounced operation, which The Washing-

"In times like today, we can't have a ton of permanent-fixture operating bases throughout the area of responsibility."

Byron Pompa

AFCENT operations director, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

ton Post was invited to observe, was the first time U.S. command and control had been moved out of the region since the center was established in Saudi Arabia during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

While Air Force commanders say moving functions to a different base was a long-held ambition enabled by new technology, it comes amid renewed tension with Iran, a country that lies a couple of hundred miles across the Persian Gulf from Al Udeid.

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Crew members at the 609th Air Support Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., prepare Thursday for the operational transition from Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, that took place two days later.

MATTHEW ROSINE
U.S. Air Force

EUROPE



Steven Norman, from bworth Thorpe, England, strikes a pose as people clap for special-needs athletes as they arrive to register for the 38th annual Joan Mann Special Sports Day on Friday at RAF Mildenhall.

PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER DENNIS/Stars and Stripes



Katie Warrent, of Norwich, England, bowls a strike.



Richard Mills, from Colchester, England, climbs over the obstacle course.

Mildenhall holds annual sports day

Event features 250 special-needs athletes, a torch-lighting and awards

By CHRISTOPHER DENNIS
Stars and Stripes

MILDENHALL, England — Hundreds of special-needs athletes were welcomed last week with cheers and applause at RAF Mildenhall for an annual competition that the air base has hosted since 1981.

The 100th Air Refueling Wing, 48th Fighter Wing and 352nd Special Operations Wing helped put on the 38th Annual Joan Mann Special Sports Day for nearly 250 athletes.

Mann, a British Defense Ministry employee who worked at the base, began organizing the annual event to offer community members with special needs a day of fun and to bring the military and area residents closer together, the 100th ARW said in a statement. Mann died in 2006.

"I believe that if Joan Mann could be here, she would be smiling at what this event has become," Col. Troy Pananon, the refueling wing's commander, said at the opening of the event.

The sports day kicked off with an Olympic-style ceremony, complete with torch-lighting and a parade of athletes. Since its founding 38 years ago, it has grown to become one of the larger events held on base, said Tech. Sgt. Emerson Nunez, a refueling wing spokesman.

Some of the athletes come from as far away as Norwich, about 50 miles to the northwest, and Colchester, about 60 miles to the southeast, coordinators and participants said. Each is paired up with a volunteer from an Air Force unit.

About 650 base volunteers helped put on the event, said lead organizer 2nd Lt.

David Smith. Planning took 10 months and involved 12 committees, said Smith, a relative newcomer to the base.

About \$10,000 in donations was raised to support the event, which included an awards ceremony and lunch for all participants, the organizers said. Athletes received T-shirts and goodie bags too.

Events included a basketball shootout, obstacle course, bowling and golf.

"I liked the bowling and golf," said Katie Warrent, a participant from Norwich.

This was her second year participating in the event, said her father, Stephen Warrent, and they plan to come back again.

"We'll be down every year, as long as we get invited," he said.

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Amber Paynter, of Culford, England, tosses a football through a hole in the football toss competition.

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MILITARY

New Task Force 70 commander takes charge

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Command of the Navy's largest group of warships changed hands Sunday aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan in the South China Sea, according to the Navy.

Rear Adm. George M. Wikoﬀ took charge of Task Force 70 from Rear Adm. Karl Thomas, who led the group, based in Yokosuka, Japan, through several tense operations and major multinational exercises in his 14 months at the helm.

Task Force 70 is the battle arm of 7th Fleet, the Navy's largest numbered fleet. The 7th Fleet, also based at Yokosuka, includes 70 to 80 ships, including the permanent deployed aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, its air wing and carrier strike group, 140 aircraft and 40,000 sailors and Marines, according to the 7th Fleet website.

The task force commander also commands the Ronald Reagan strike group — or Carrier Strike Group 5 — and has operational control of any other carrier strike groups or independently deployed naval vessels operating in or passing through the 7th Fleet area of operations. In total, 7th Fleet is commissioned for 48 million square miles of the Pacific and Indian oceans.

Wikoﬀ, a native of New Brunswick, N.J., is one grade lower than the fleet commander, Vice Admiral William R. Merz, who took his post Sept. 14.

Wikoﬀ graduated from Catholic University of America in 1990 with a bachelor of arts degree in financial management. He was commissioned through the George Washington University Naval ROTC program and earned a master of science in operational management from the University of Arkansas, according to his official



ALEXANDRA SEELEY/U.S. Navy

Rear Adm. George M. Wikoﬀ exits the stage after taking command of Task Force 70 aboard the USS Ronald Reagan in the South China Sea on Sunday.

biography. He is also a naval aviator with extensive command experience and service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The task force under Thomas' leadership participated in multinational exercises including Malabar, Keen Sword, Valiant Shield and Talisman Sabre, according to the Navy.

Ships from the task force have steamed through the Taiwan Strait six times and challenged Chinese claims to islands and reefs in the South and East China seas in freedom-of-navigation operations at least twice under Thomas' tenure. Beijing routinely protests those moves.

Satellite images reportedly showing the USS Ronald Reagan being flanked by several battleships in the South China

Sea circulated on social media Saturday. The carrier's presence in the region drew sharp criticism from the Chinese Ministry of National Defense.

The images shared by Twitter user @Duandang and published by the Japan Times show what looks like six ships sailing within the vicinity of the aircraft carrier. The Twitter post said the image was taken northeast of the Spratly Islands, a contested chain of islands over which China, Malaysia, Taiwan, the Philippines and Vietnam dispute sovereignty.

"The U.S. aircraft carrier group came to the South China Sea to flex muscles and escalate regional militarization. We are firmly opposed to that," ministry spokesman Sr. Col. Ren Guoqiang said at a press

conference Thursday, according to a transcript. "We urge the U.S. side to respect the security concerns of countries in the region and make positive contributions to the peace and stability in the South China Sea."

Ren would not comment on whether the apparent battleships shown in the satellite images were Chinese but said, "The Chinese military will earnestly perform its duties and missions and firmly safeguard national sovereignty and security," according to the transcript.

Comment from 7th Fleet officials was not available Monday.

China has been building and militarizing islands and reefs since the start of the decade. About a third of world trade passes through the South China Sea, which is rich in oil and fishing grounds, and the U.S. protests China's internationally unrecognized claim to the waters.

The Ronald Reagan and its strike group regularly sail through the South China Sea. The carrier passed through the waters in August en route to a port visit in Manila, Philippines, before returning to Yokosuka for a brief break from deployment.

Thomas is leaving to become the assistant deputy chief of naval operations for operations, plans and strategy at the Pentagon. Wikoﬀ comes to the task force from Washington, where he served as assistant director for global integration and current operations for J3, the operations department of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In the Navy press release, Wikoﬀ said Thomas' "leadership has strengthened the lethality of our forward-deployed naval forces, and I look forward to continuing the culture of excellence he inspired within the strike group."

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Shift: Expert says center would be priority target in full-blown conflict

FROM FRONT PAGE

"The functions that the CAOC provides for air power are so critical and so essential that we can't afford to have a single point of failure," said Maj. Gen. Chance Saltzman, deputy commander of U.S. Air Forces Central Command, using an initialism for the center.

Air Force officials said recent incidents involving the Islamic Republic added urgency to the project. Iran shot down a U.S. surveillance drone in June; last month, key oil facilities in Saudi Arabia suffered a devastating surprise attack with what appeared to be Iran-supplied weapons.

"Iran has indicated multiple times through multiple sources their intent to attack U.S. forces," said Col. Frederick Coleman, commander of the 609th Air Operations Center.

"Frankly, as the war against ISIS winds down and as we continue to work through a potential peace process in Afghanistan, the region is calming down and potentially more stable. It has been in decades," he said. "Except for Iran."

Analysts say that in a conflict with Iran were to break out, it's likely the Combined Air Space Operations Center at Al Udeid could be targeted, and there is little guarantee that it could be defended.

"It doesn't take a whole heap of imagination to look at it and think, if push came to shove and it was a full-blown conflict, it would be one of the priority targets," said Douglas Barrie, a senior fellow specializing in aerospace at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London.

The bases' defense systems, which include Patriot batteries and other high-end missile defense, are designed mostly to combat planes and ballistic missiles which come in fast and from a high altitude, rather than low-flying cruise missiles and drones like those believed to have been used in the attack on the Saudi oil facilities.

'The functions that the CAOC provides for air power are so critical and so essential that we can't afford to have a single point of failure.'

Maj. Gen. Chance Saltzman
deputy commander
U.S. Air Forces Central
Command

By making the command and control operations mobile, the U.S. could rebound from an attack far quicker. That flexibility would also make the building that houses them at Al Udeid a less valuable target, which would allow them to redeploy air defense systems to other critical infrastructure.

The operation to move the center was the culmination of a number of measures that the

U.S. has taken to broadcast to the region that its Air Force is not only the world's strongest — it's also agile.

Those moves included deploying formidable fighters such as the F-35 from their home base at Al Dhafra, in the United Arab Emirates, to bases in Saudi Arabia and Qatar — movements that require considerable logistical coordination, given that support staff such as maintenance teams need to travel, too.

Byron Pompa, AFPCENT operations director at Al Udeid, said moving facilities and equipment often could compensate for not having a huge presence across the region.

"In times like today we can't have a ton of permanent-fixture operating bases throughout the area of responsibility," he said.

"Our goal is deterrence," Saltzman said, not conflict.

But the lack of communication with Iran can make sending that message difficult. The United States has to use other measures, he said, including turning off radar from time to time or planning flight routes to make it clear it does not intend to attack.

The aim now is to run the center remotely once a month and remain the rest of the time at Al Udeid. Commanders want to work up to a schedule in which the center is operated remotely for eight hours of every 24-hour period, either at Shaw or elsewhere.

Officials at Al Udeid said there was no plan to close the center permanently. They said some functions there could not be replicated remotely. But they plan to transfer some of the 800 positions to U.S. soil in the future.

2 airmen killed in car accident in Germany

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Two airmen were killed and one was injured Monday morning in a car accident on Spangdahlem Air Base's perimeter road.

The accident happened near the base's passenger terminal, the 52nd Fighter Wing said in a statement.

The names of the dead and injured were being withheld until 24 hours after next of kin have been notified, the wing said.

The injured airman was airlifted to a hospital in Koblenz, Germany. The cause of the crash is under investigation, the statement said.

The base is located near the small German town of Spangdahlem, about 80 miles northwest of Ramstein Air Base.

It's host to the only U.S. Air Force fighters in Germany — F-16 C/D Fighting Falcons, which are part of the 480th Fighter Squadron.

The perimeter road winds along the back of the base, connecting the area around the golf course to base housing as it passes the passenger terminal. One lane goes in each direction, and the speed limit is about 43 miles per hour.

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MILITARY

Saber Junction drill comes to end in Germany

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GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — U.S. paratroopers dropped out of the sky in a simulated response to an adversary targeting a U.S. diplomatic compound during an exercise that wrapped up Monday.

Thousands of allied and partner nations' troops fought each other in large-scale military drills known as Saber Junction, with staff from the U.S. Consul General in Munich also taking part and issuing the mock order to evacuate all U.S. citizens and other eligible persons in the face of an anticipated enemy attack.

"Being a part of this exercise

gives the State Department absolutely invaluable training on how to process American citizens that need to be evacuated out of a war zone or natural disaster area," said Kelly Winck, a foreign services officer with the State Department.

Saber Junction, which began Sept. 3 and was hosted at Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels training areas, assessed how well the Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade's service's Europe-based "contingency response force" can battle alongside foreign counterparts.

More than 5,400 troops from 16 countries from around Europe and western Asia took part in



AMOURIS COSS/U.S. Army National Guard

U.S. soldiers assigned to the 173rd Infantry Airborne Brigade transport a simulated handicapped internally displaced person to a holding center during a mock noncombatant evacuation operation as part of Saber Junction 19 in Hohenfels, Germany, on Sept. 20.

the monthlong exercise, during which American soldiers jumped into battle positions to quickly repel enemy forces.

Troops from the 173rd conducted offensive and defensive operations with Turkish commandos and fired live artillery rounds at simulated targets.

The State Department worked

closely with the U.S. brigade and Bosnian troops to assist in securing areas surrounding a mock U.S. Embassy.

After allied forces secured the area, the American civilians and is diplomatic staff were sped off by bus to a protected airfield where they boarded an Air Force C-130 Hercules transport aircraft to fly

to safety.

"The strength of the interagency partnership on display here has been wonderful," Winck said. "It's given me an incredible amount of confidence in the capacity of the U.S. government to protect lives and interests overseas."

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Water: Army says it will place wells to combat chemical contamination

FROM FRONT PAGE

Exposure to PFAS above certain levels might cause low birth weight and breastfed babies, as well as cancer and liver damage, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

When PFAS contamination first emerged as an issue in the Ansbach region in 2016, Army officials said supplies of drinking water on post were not affected. But recent tests found higher than normal levels of PFAS in soil and groundwater samples in the city of Ansbach, Army and local government officials said.

An investigation by an independent contractor hired by the Army found chemical "concen-

trations in soil and groundwater are exceeding Bavarian threshold levels," the garrison said in August after learning the results.

The Army is working to address the contamination problem, but has been withholding details of a recent probe into the issue because the study did not meet U.S. standards and was incomplete, said Ansbach garrison spokeswoman Cornelie Summer.

"The report is currently being revised to meet acceptable U.S. standards and contractual requirements," Summer said in a statement. "It will be shared once finalized and U.S. governmental review is completed."

U.S. Army Environmental Command in San Antonio, Texas,

and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory in Huntsville, Ala., are assessing the study, the Army said. Funding has been made available for the Army to try to fix the problem of PFC infiltration into groundwater and stormwater systems on the installation in Ansbach. A stormwater management engineer is working on the issue, officials said.

"We intend to install wells at strategic locations to pump and treat the contaminated groundwater before it leaves the base, but the acquisition of funds, scope of work, awarding of contracts, etc. will take time," the Army said.

Because PFCs don't degrade naturally over time, constant testing and treatment of water are re-

quired over an extended period.

"The U.S. Army is aware of the risks posed by PFAS and is assessing several alternatives to find the most expedient, efficient and effective way to contain the PFAS plume at the former Fire-Fighting Training Pit on Katterbach Kaserne," the Army said in a statement released in August.

Drinking water in the city of Ansbach is not contaminated by PFAS because the city's water supply isn't drawn from sources near the base, some local officials have said.

Others, including Boris-Andre Meyer, of Ansbach's Left Party,

dispute that.

Since early last year, the local health authority knew that PFAS

had found their way into a local well in Obereichenbach, part of Ansbach, Meyer said.

"Families in Ansbach drank PFC-contaminated water for a long time," said Meyer, adding that American families who lived in Obereichenbach also might have been affected.

Tests conducted this year found that PFC contamination in well water increased from 2.24 micrograms per liter to 3.27 micrograms per liter.

"Steps need to be taken immediately," Meyer said. "The way the Army is behaving is irresponsible and unacceptable."

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Army, Navy identify 2 servicemembers killed in separate incidents

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The Army and Navy have identified two servicemembers who died in separate incidents last week in Fort Polk, La., and San Diego.

Logistics Specialist Seaman Juan Jose Garcia-Herrera, 21, died Saturday morning after falling Friday night from the aircraft elevator aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz at Naval Air Station North Island, Calif., according to a tweet Monday by U.S. Naval Air Forces.

The Army identified Maj. Trevor Joseph, a pilot and medevac company commander with 1st Battalion, 5th Aviation Regiment, as the soldier killed in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crash at Fort Polk, according to the base Facebook page on Saturday.

The Blackhawk with a four-person crew

was en route to pick up a soldier with minor injuries at the base Joint Readiness Training Center when it crashed just after midnight, Kim Reichling, a spokeswoman for Fort Polk, said Thursday.

The three other soldiers were injured in the crash and are in stable condition. The cause is under investigation, according to the Fort Polk statement.

Joseph, a Collierville, Tenn., native, is survived by his wife, Erin, according to the statement.

He joined the Army as a medical officer in 2008 and served two combat deploy-

ments to Afghanistan in 2010 and 2017. Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with valor, two Army Commendation Medals and the Army Achievement Medal, according to the base public affairs office.

The sailor, Garcia-Herrera, enlisted in the Navy on Jan. 23, 2017, and reported to the Nimitz following his logistics training, according to Navy Times, which cited his military records.

About 9 p.m. Friday, he fell several stories onto the pier from the ship's aircraft elevator, which had been lowered and con-

nected to a walkway used to board and exit the ship.

Paramedics took him to a nearby hospital but he died from his injuries about 2 a.m. Saturday, the Seattle Times reported Sunday.

That type of accident is not common for the ship, Bill Petkovski, deputy public affairs officer for the USS Nimitz, told the Seattle Times.

The aircraft carrier's homeport is in Bremerton, Wash. It was at North Island for routine training operations, Petkovski said.

The cause of Garcia-Herrera's fall is under investigation, according to the Navy statement on Twitter. A memorial service aboard the Nimitz is being planned.

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Joseph



Garcia-Herrera

MILITARY

Soldier who died in Afghanistan blast is buried

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Preparing for her husband's burial at Arlington National Cemetery, Sgt. 1st Class Elis A. Barreto to Ortiz's widow said she had only begun to grieve since his death earlier this month on his second deployment to Afghanistan.

"This whole thing has changed me," Legna Aponte, the soldier's wife, said in a phone call with Stars and Stripes ahead of the funeral, Monday. "My heart is broken."

The two grew up in neighboring towns in their native Puerto Rico and had been together for 12 years before Barreto, as her husband was known, was killed in an attack in Kabul.

Barreto, 34, who was part of a driving team for special operations troops in Kabul, was killed when a suicide car bomb tore through his armored pickup truck, killing him and a Romanian soldier. The Sept. 5 blast also killed about a dozen civilians.

Calling the paratrooper from the Fort Bragg, N.C.-based 82nd Airborne Division "one of our great, great soldiers," President Donald Trump cited Barreto's death as a catalyst for his decision last month to abruptly end peace

talks with the Taliban just as they were widely believed to be on the verge of producing a deal to end America's longest war.

For Raymond Giebas, who served with Barreto at the beginning of his career, that was a powerful gesture by the president.

"For him to do that for a soldier that he has never met in his life, that's awesome," the retired sergeant said.

Barreto's death was the 16th U.S. combat fatality in Afghanistan this year, which has been the deadliest for American forces since 2014. A 17th American, Green Beret Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy W. Griffin, was killed during fighting in Wardak province on Sept. 16.

Barreto doted on his two sons and his daughter, his wife said in a phone interview Friday. He would ask her to bring them to his office whenever he had time on his hands.

His fellow soldiers recalled him as a man of humor and warmth. He'd been assigned to the airborne division's 82nd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team since January 2018.

"His paratroopers respected the hell out of him because he cared for them," said 1st Lt. Kyle



Kyle Cory

Flags line the road as the remains of Sgt. 1st Class Elis A. Barreto Ortiz, 34, from Morovis, Puerto Rico, are delivered to Arlington National Cemetery for his funeral on Monday.

Cory, a platoon leader, who said he received copious advice from the slain soldier.

The two talked over plates of enchiladas and a burrito during their last lunch before Barreto's deployment to Afghanistan in June, he said Sunday.

"He was ready to go and do the mission," Cory said. "He had a spark, a pep in his step."

Cory escorted his friend's remains in a hearse from Dover Air Force Base to Arlington on Sept. 20.

"One last convoy," Cory said. "I just got to be there for my guy one more time ... just like he had been there for me."

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Legna Aponte

Barreto holds his son, Jacknel Barreto-Aponte, now 4.

GOP Rep. Thornberry set to retire from House

By NEIL FOTRE
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WASHINGTON — Congressman Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, who has served for years as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, announced Monday that he will retire from the House of Representatives in 2021.

"I believe that the time has come for a change. Therefore, this is my last term in the U.S. House of Representatives," Thornberry wrote in a statement posted on Twitter.

Thornberry, 61, has served as the congressman for the 13th District in Texas since beginning his first term in 1995. Thornberry's district covers the northern portion of the state between Oklahoma and New Mexico, known as the Texas Panhandle.

Thornberry's statement Monday makes him the sixth Texas Republican in Congress who has announced they will not seek reelection.

A lawyer from a long-time ranching family, Thornberry worked as a congressional staffer and as a State Department liaison during President Ronald Reagan's administration.

"I could not have asked for a better group of employers than the people of the 13th District. Their faith, common sense and work ethic, along with a deep patriotism and devotion to our country, have encouraged and motivated me to do my best on their behalf," he said.

Thornberry now serves as the ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee and was the committee's chairman from January 2015 to January 2019. His current term will end in January 2021.

"With over a year to go, I will continue to represent the people of the 13th District to the best of my ability. Our nation faces many difficult challenges, and none of us can relax our efforts to meet and overcome them, whether at home or around the world," he said.

Thornberry has been supportive of President Donald Trump's administration. However, he did push back against Trump's plan to use military funds to pay for the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, though he supports its construction.

"In short, I'm opposed to using defense dollars for nondefense purposes," Thornberry has said, according to a report by The Hill.

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Military can now seek US citizenship at only 4 overseas sites

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WASHINGTON — Servicemembers and their families stationed overseas who are seeking to become U.S. citizens will now have only four international offices where they can complete the process as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services closes more than a dozen locations, the department announced Monday.

USCIS had previously announced it is closing 13 overseas locations in the next year, leaving only seven in operation. But in order to support servicemembers and their families stationed overseas, the agency is not opening what they are calling "hub" offices at military bases for one week every three months.

"After careful consideration, USCIS has determined it will maximize agency resources by shifting the processing of in-person benefit requests to the Department of State's Consular Affairs or through the deployment of USCIS domestic staff on temporary assignments," USCIS spokesman Daniel Hetlage wrote

in an email.

The rollout of those four offices on military bases will happen during the next nine months and will be the only places overseas for servicemembers and their families to process naturalization applications. The locations will be at Camp Humphreys, South Korea; Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan; U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, Germany; and Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy.

Applicants who go to those hubs will already have everything completed before setting up an appointment to meet with a USCIS officer for their interview and final adjudication, said a USCIS official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the new overseas offices.

"So the hope is that everything is going to be able to be completed in that one visit," the official said.

Applicants have always been responsible for their travel during the naturalization process, the official said, and they should be working with the Defense Department to help with traveling to the hub locations if they are not

already based there.

Amid the office closures, the amount of military naturalization applications has increased during the last fiscal year.

According to USCIS, they have received 520 overseas applications in fiscal year 2019, compared with 347 they received in fiscal year 2018.

The four offices will have appointments for only one week each quarter of the year. The official said the number of applications is "manageable at this point" and she did not believe at this time that families would be seriously affected by having the office open for only one week every three months. She said if the agency finds they have more applications than anticipated, they will consider adding an additional visit to the office.

The first two locations on the military bases to open will be in South Korea and Japan, in part because the original Seoul office was closing Monday. The first visits by USCIS officers will be in late October and early November.

The four bases were picked

because they're in areas where most of the overseas military naturalization services have been provided, so the impact is expected to be "minimal," according to Hetlage.

Of the 520 overseas applications received so far, 355 of them were received at the Seoul office, according to the official.

The official said the closures were not meant to make the naturalization process more difficult for servicemembers.

"Our first priority has been and always will be our military personnel," the official said. "I anticipate that once this new process gets going, that I think everyone will see that also and will see that we are able to still complete cases in a timely and efficient manner."

Servicemembers and families who have questions can call the USCIS toll free military helpline at 877-247-4645, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Standard Time or email them at militaryinfo@uscis.dhs.gov.

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WAR/MILITARY

Officials: Extremists attacked US base in Somalia

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany—U.S. forces launched two airstrikes and engaged in a small-arms fight against militants in Somalia after a base used by American troops in the Horn of Africa country came under attack Monday, U.S. Africa Command said.

Ten militants were killed in the U.S. response to the attack Monday morning at the Baledogle Military Airfield complex, AFRICOM said. The Al-Shabaab militant group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

No U.S. or partner troops were wounded during the attack on the base, and no civilians were injured or killed in the U.S. airstrikes, AFRICOM said.

"This attack, though ineffective, demonstrates the direct threat al-Shabaab poses to Americans, our allies, and interests in the region," Maj. Gen. William Gayler, AFRICOM director of operations, said in a statement. "Incidents like this will not compromise the pressure being placed on this terrorist network by the Federal Government of Somalia and international partners."

The attack on Baledogle began when a suicide car bomber detonated a vehicle packed with explosives at the gate of the facility, which includes a military airstrip. Somali security official Yusuf Abdourahman told The Associated Press. Bursts of gunfire could be heard on the base after

ward, he said.

Al-Shabaab said in a statement that its fighters had breached the perimeters of "the heavily fortified base" before "engaging in an intense firefight" with troops inside. But the U.S. Embassy in Somalia said a quick response by security forces at the base had repelled the attackers.

"The security forces stopped this ultimately failed attack due to their alertness and swift response, not allowing the attackers to breach the outer defensive perimeters of the base," the embassy said. "We are thankful that there were no SNA (Somali National Army) casualties between the multiple attacks."

In a separate attack Monday, a suicide car bomber targeted Italian peacekeepers in Mogadishu, the AP reported. That attack missed the European Union peacekeepers but injured Somali civilians who were nearby, the AP said, citing reports.

The attacks show that "al-Shabaab violently opposes progress towards peace and prosperity in Somalia," the U.S. embassy statement said.

"The United States affirms our strong commitment to the people and government of Somalia and to assist collective efforts to degrade terror groups and build a stronger and prosperous Somalia that offers a brighter future for its people."

The U.S. military has been making improvements to Baledogle,



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A Somali woman looks at the destruction after a car bomb attack on a European Union military convoy in the capital, Mogadishu, on Monday. Militants also attacked a base used by U.S. troops in the country Monday but were repelled in a fight that left 10 militants dead.

including expanding the airfield to handle broader operations. The U.S. routinely conducts airstrikes against al-Shabaab fighters in Somalia, launching about 50 so far this year.

Camp Baledogle also serves as a headquarters for Somalia's U.S.-trained Danab (Lightning) Advanced Infantry Brigade. Danab commando units were stood up several years ago. Originally conceived as a small battalion-sized element, the unit has recently been expanded, with current plans envisioning a 3,000-troop brigade spread out

across six Somalia army sectors.

For years, after 18 U.S. servicemen were killed when their Black Hawk helicopter was shot down during the 1993 Battle of Mogadishu, there was no American military presence in Somalia.

During the past several years, the U.S. military has gradually built back up in Somalia, and in 2018 the U.S. reopened its diplomatic mission in Mogadishu after a 28-year closure. The moves are part of a push to help stabilize Somalia and its chronically weak government and military.

The number of U.S. troops in Somalia fluctuates but generally ranges between 650 and 800 at any given time, according to AFRICOM.

Expanding the American military mission has come with risks. U.S. special operations troops serve as advisers to the Somali military and have accompanied local forces on dangerous missions.

In 2017, a Navy SEAL was killed in combat in the country, marking the first such death since the Black Hawk Down incident.

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Iraq and Syria open crossing at border

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Associated Press

QAIM, Iraq — Iraq and Syria on Monday opened a key border crossing between the two neighboring countries, seven years after it was closed during Syria's civil war and the battle against Islamic State.

The opening of the crossing linking the Iraqi town of Qaim and Syria's Boukamal is expected to strengthen trade between the two Arab countries.

It is also a boost to Iran's influence in the region, allowing Iraq-backed militias in Iraq easier access to eastern Syria amid soaring tensions in the region between Tehran and Washington following the collapse of Iran's nuclear deal with world powers.

In a symbolic gesture, Syrian Interior Minister Maj. Gen. Mohammed Khaleel Rahmoun, accompanied by Syrian troops, crossed onto the Iraqi side of the border, where troops from both



HADI MUZBAN/AP

Iraqi and Syrian border guards prepare to open the crossing between the Iraqi town of Qaim and Syria's Boukamal in Anbar province, Iraq, on Monday.

countries hugged each other and took selfies.

Qaim and Boukamal were controlled by ISIS until 2017, when Syrian and Iraqi troops captured the towns from the extremists. The group's territorial defeat was announced in Syria earlier this year.

Iraqi authorities had set up tents for Monday's ceremony amid tight security, with troops deployed around the crossing. Despite their official defeat, ISIS sleeper cells are still blamed for deadly attacks on both sides of the border.

"The opening of Boukamal-Qaim crossing is a victory for

Syrian and Iraqi friendship against takfiri terrorism," read a banner placed on the Syrian side of the border, a reference to the extremist ideology of ISIS.

Some 800 freight trucks are expected to cross from Syria once the crossing has been opened, Syria's state news agency said.

Qaim was once a thriving stopover on the highway linking Damascus and Baghdad. Long before a hard border materialized in the latter half of the 20th century, tribes sent their grooms and brides across the frontier to marry, extending the branches of their families on both sides.

Iran defends Yemeni rebel attack on Saudis' oil sites

By NASSER KARIMI
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Monday that the missile and drone attack on major Saudi oil sites last month was an act of "legitimate defense" by Yemen's Iran-allied Houthi rebels.

The Sept. 14 assault was claimed by the Houthis, though Saudi Arabia says it was "unquestionably sponsored by Iran." The kingdom has been at war with the Houthis in Yemen since March 2015.

Iran denies being responsible and has warned any retaliatory attack targeting it will result in an "all-out war."

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi on Monday called Saudi accusations "baseless," adding that Iran supports the Houthis through "spiritual and political" means. He added that "cease-fire and dialogue" were the only face-saving solutions for Saudi Arabia.

Cabinet spokesman Ali Rabiee said the world has ignored another possibility — that the Houthis could have used Russian weapons seized from the Yemeni army or that they had procured them on the weapons market.

Saudi Crown Prince Moham-

med bin Salman told "60 Minutes" in an interview that aired Sunday that "only a fool would attack" major Saudi oil sites and urged "strong and firm action to deter Iran."

The attack on oil facilities has heightened tensions between Tehran and Washington.

U.S.-Iran relations have deteriorated since President Donald Trump last year pulled America out of the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers and reimposed sanctions that sent the country's economy into free fall.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Zarif criticized Europe for failing to save the nuclear deal from unraveling.

Last month, France proposed offering a \$15 billion line of credit to compensate Iran for not being able to sell its crude oil abroad because of U.S. sanctions.

Speaking to a group of Iranian expatriates in Frankfurt, Germany, during a stopover Sunday on his way home from attending the U.N. General Assembly in New York, Zarif said Europe had been trying "for five months" to create a credit line for Iran to sell its oil, "but it has failed to manage even such a minor job."

MILITARY

USAF F-15s run a 'turkey shoot' at England base

By CHRISTOPHER DENNIS
Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — Three teams of four Air Force fighter jets each faced off in the skies over southeastern England against more than a dozen opposing aircraft for a "turkey shoot," a one-day event meant to challenge new leaders and boost teamwork in the only Europe-based F-15 fighter wing.

The 48th Fighter Wing's newest flight formation leaders, intelligence professionals, maintainers and operations personnel came together for the drill on Thursday which also involved a nearby Air Force refueling wing and NATO partners.

Four-ship formations made up of the flight lead, instructor pilots and wingmen from each of the wing's three squadrons,

were handed "a demanding tactical problem to solve," Capt. Sam Wozniak, 492nd Fighter Squadron weapons system operator flight lead, said in a statement.

Each "blue air" team of four fighter jets took on 14 "red air" adversary F-15s flown by other pilots from within the squadrons. After an initial briefing, the blue teams had to then plan their patrols, how close to let the enemy get before reacting and how best to respond in order to win.

In addition to managing their weapons inventory in a high-risk scenario against a "near-peer adversary" — a term often used to describe a potential foe like Russia — flight leads faced tactical problems such as degraded communications and other electronic attacks, said Lt. Col. William Watkins, 48th Operation Support



RHONDA SMITH/U.S. Air Force

An F-15E Strike Eagle, assigned to the 494th Fighter Squadron, launches in support of an interfighter squadron "turkey shoot" competition at RAF Lakenheath, England, on Thursday.

Squadron commander.

Adding to the complexity, the scenario pitted "a high number of bad guys versus a limited number of good guys," said Capt. Michael Armour, a pilot with the 494th Fighter Squadron, forcing crews to tackle more than one aircraft-to-aircraft engagement.

Tankers from the 100th Air Refueling Wing supported the drill, as did NATO aircraft providing airborne early warning and control, while the U.K. provided command and control support, Wozniak said.

The first such event in nearly two years, the turkey shoot is an

important test of combat airpower, officials said.

"Fighter pilots and fighter weapons systems officers need three things to survive and thrive: readiness, competition and camaraderie," said Col. Jason Camilletti, 48th Operations Group commander.

The exercise is meant to simulate how the squadrons would defend against an enemy attack on a designated target.

"Turkey shoots advance our wing's readiness by stressing our newest flight leads and wingmen in a very challenging high-end scenario," Camilletti said.

Planners set the standards and provided rules, special instructions and a point system to determine the winning team, Wozniak said. For example, successful target defense was awarded 20 points and simulated missile kills earned 5 points each.

In the end, the 494th Fighter Squadron was declared the winner, said Maj. Sybil Taunton, a wing spokesperson.

"The adrenaline rush of competing to win is the closest thing we can do short of actual combat," Camilletti said.

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MILITARY

Lab closings slow Boeing's \$2.8B AWACS upgrade

By TONY CAPACCI
Bloomberg

A \$2.8 billion Boeing Co. upgrade of its Airborne Early Warning and Control Surveillance planes is dogged by delays caused in part by an almost yearlong closing of two classified laboratories developing software for the project, Pentagon agencies disclosed.

The two laboratories in Oklahoma City failed to pass Defense Department security certifications from January to December of last year. Boeing builds the aircraft, a staple of U.S. and allied surveillance arsenals, that coordinates friendly planes and detects enemy aircraft.

Boeing has worked to "address deficiencies and regain their certifications," for the AWACS laboratories, Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said.

The contractor is upgrading the 1970s-era electronics of the Air Force's 31 AWACS. So far, Boeing has updated and delivered 19 of the planes, which are recognized worldwide by their rotating radar domes.

"The primary reasons software development has been behind schedule" are "Boeing's failure to meet" certifications and, secondarily, parts for upgrade kits have been late "due to Boeing's failure" to get components delivered by contractual due dates, Mark Woodbury, a spokesman for the Defense Contract Management Agency, said in an email.

It's the second major Air Force program that's proving difficult for Boeing, the No. 2 U.S. defense contractor after Lockheed Martin. Boeing is well behind schedule in providing viable fixes for serious deficiencies with its KC-46 aerial refueling tanker, General Maryanne Miller, the service's top mobility commander, said last month.

Boeing spokesman Walt Rice said the Chicago-based contrac-

tor "has experienced challenges" with the AWACS upgrade resulting primarily from relocating "a complex and highly sensitive program and its supporting labs to Oklahoma City," which took more time than expected.

The issues were resolved "through close interactions between the U.S. government, Boeing" and the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency, Rice said in an email.

The 40/45 Mission Computer and Display upgrade is designed to replace the aircraft's outdated computing and displays with open-system and commercial off-the-shelf hardware and software. AWACS is one of the world's most widely used military aircraft, with the U.S.' 31-plane fleet as well as planes by NATO, France, Japan and Saudi Arabia.

Woodbury said some of the needed parts that were supposed to be delivered in June of this year won't be available until this month and others won't be ready until May 2020.

The Air Force now estimates Boeing will deliver enough refurbished aircraft by May 2023 to declare the planes have full operational capability, a six-month slip from last year's schedule.

An Air Force fact sheet issued in 2015 had said the upgrades would be completed in 2020.

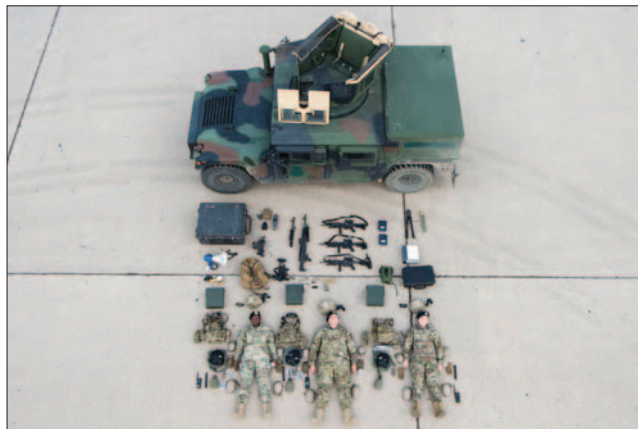
"Beyond the initial challenges associated with moving the program, Boeing and our customer experienced unforeseen technical challenges," Rice said, but "due to the sensitivity of that particular work, we are unable to provide additional details."

Collectively, the issues led to the delay of a major Air Force design review "which in turn delayed contracting with suppliers and corresponding part deliveries," he said.

staff job while the incident is investigated, 2nd Fleet spokeswoman an Lt. Cmdr. Ashley Hockycko said in an email.

Hockycko said she couldn't elaborate on the incident while an investigation is in progress, but said the allegations against Ross called his judgment into question.

"The Navy places tremendous responsibility on our command-



Photos by the U.S. Air Force

Minot Air Force Base, N.D., tweets an #tetrishallenge photo of airmen.

Servicemembers join Tetris Challenge

By ALEX HORTON
The Washington Post

The airmen laid out all the equipment that keeps them ready to secure Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota.

Radios and night-vision goggles? Check. Rifles and a machine gun? Check.

Energy drinks? Definitely that.

In a trend that has rocketed across the world, the airmen got into position for the Tetris Challenge on social media — laying out equipment and people in a horizontal pattern and photographed from above. But even as the meme suggests the classic video game, the result is reminiscent of toy soldier play sets.

While meme historians peg the practice to a 2018 post from a New Zealand police Twitter account, it caught fire last month after first responders in Switzerland gave life to #tetrishallenge by laying out traffic cones, fire extinguishers — and themselves.

More first responders worldwide later joined in on the fun.

But a few military contributions helped propel the meme, offering a rare glimpse into the equipment they carry into battle.

The Tetris Challenge is the latest craze to catch on with servicemembers.



An impressive contemporary B-52H conventional weapons layout.



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The Royal Malaysian Air Force also joins in the fun.

Navy removes admiral from command after off-duty incident

By SCOTT WYLAND
Stars and Stripes

Rear Adm. Erik Ross was fired as commander of Expeditionary Strike Group 2 after an alleged off-duty incident caused a loss of confidence in his leadership, a spokeswoman for the 2nd Fleet said Monday.

Ross was relieved of duty Friday and assigned to a temporary

and holds these leaders to the highest standard of behavior and decision-making," Hockycko said in a statement. "The Navy holds them accountable in cases where they fall short of those standards."

Capt. Darren Nelson, the strike group's chief of staff, has assumed interim command until a permanent head is chosen, according to a Navy statement.

Ross assumed command of the strike group two months ago. He previously served as the president of the Board of Inspection and Survey from June 2017 to May 2019.

He commanded the amphibious ships USS Whidbey Island in 2006 to 2007 and the USS Bataan from 2011 to 2013.

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Rear Adm. Erik Ross

NATION

Bold statue with a modern twist in Times Square

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Perpetually crowded Times Square has a new statue for pedestrians to navigate — but it's unlike any other.

Artist Kehinde Wiley unveiled his biggest work ever Friday, a massive bronze statue of a young black man in urban streetwear sitting astride a galloping horse.

Called "Rumors of War," it flips the script on traditional statues commemorating white generals. Wiley described his bold work as a call to arms for inclusivity.

He told The Associated Press afterward that he hoped young people would see it and "see a sense of radical possibility — this, too, is America."

The project was born when Wiley saw Confederate Gen. J.E.B. Stuart's monument in

Richmond, Va. That 15-foot-tall bronze work portrays Stuart astride a horse and is part of the city's string of Confederate memorials along Monument Avenue that includes ones for Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis and Stonewall Jackson.

"I'm a black man walking those streets. I'm looking up at those things that give me a sense of dread and fear. What does that feel like, physically, to walk a public space and to have your state, your country, your nation say, 'This is what we stand by.'"

"No. We want more. We demand more," he said. "Today we say 'yes' to something that looks like us."

The horse-riding figure in "Rumors of War" — on the Broadway Plaza between 46th and 47th streets — has turned in his saddle, his attention seemingly



BERETO MATTHEWS/AP

A bronze sculpture, "Rumors of War," by artist Kehinde Wiley, appears in Times Square in New York at an unveiling Friday. The work will be exhibited until December.

toward an American Eagle store. His Nikes are firmly in the stirrups and his majestic horse is in movement, focused on something across the street.

"Rumors of War" will display in Times Square until December before finding a permanent home at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond.

For now, Wiley's work joins other sculptures in the plaza of the so-called Crossroads of the World. There are also statues of Father Francis Duffy and producer George M. Cohan, both white men.

The unveiling was bookended by performances from the marching band from Malcolm X

Shabazz High School in Newark, N.J.

Other speakers at the unveiling included Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney.

"Today is a monumental day," Stoney said. "In Richmond, we have 10 Confederate monuments to the Lost Cause. I think that is 10 too many."



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NATION

Sanders calls for 'income inequality' taxes on top firms

By WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders announced Monday an "income inequality" plan calling for steep tax increases on companies that pay CEOs far more than their workers' median salaries.

The Vermont senator's proposal would raise taxes 0.5 percentage points on companies paying top executives more than 50 times the median salaries of workers. Tax penalties would rise from there, up to a maximum of 5 percentage points for firms whose highest-paid officials earn 500-plus times median worker pay.

The plan would apply to all private and publicly held corporations with annual revenues of \$100 million. Sanders' campaign

says it would raise \$150 billion

'It is time to send a message to corporate America: If you do not end your greed and corruption, we will end it for you.'

Sen. Bernie Sanders

large, profitable corporations pay their fair share of taxes," Sand-

over the next decade, which he would use to eliminate medical debt nationwide.

"At a time massive income and wealth inequality," the American people are demanding

that their fair share of taxes," Sand-



JASON BEAN, THE RENO (NEV.) GAZETTE-JOURNAL/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, shown speaking at a campaign stop in Carson City, Nev., last month, is proposing a plan to increase taxes on companies with high-earning CEOs.

ers said in a statement. "It is time to send a message to corporate America: If you do not end your greed and corruption, we will end it for you."

Sanders said if his plan were in effect last year, it would have forced McDonald's to pay more than \$110 million in additional taxes, increased Walmart's taxes

by nearly \$795 million and meant more than \$990 million in tax increases for JPMorgan Chase.

CEOs for big companies routinely make 150 times or more what their typical workers do. Last year, the typical top boss at companies in the S&P 500 index, which includes everything from Apple to Zoetis, made about 158

times what their median worker did, according to data analyzed by Equilar for The Associated Press' annual CEO compensation study.

That gap is widening. In 2017, it would have taken the median worker 151 years to make what their CEO did, seven years less than last year's pace.

3 of 4 escapees from Ohio jail arrested in North Carolina

Associated Press

CARY, N.C. — Three of four inmates who overpowered two corrections officers and escaped from an Ohio county jail were caught in North Carolina after slightly more than a day on the run, authorities in both states said.

The three men who escaped from the Gallia County jail early Sunday were "captured without incident" about 2 a.m. Monday, a statement from Cary, N.C., police said. Christopher Clemente, 24; Brynn Martin, 40; and Troy McDaniel Jr., 30, are awaiting extradition to Ohio.

The fourth man, Lawrence R. Lee III, 29, is believed to have

accompanied the other three but fled from authorities at the time of the arrests, a statement from Gallia County Sheriff Matt Champlin said. Cary police said Lee is "not believed to be a danger" but warned the public not to approach him.

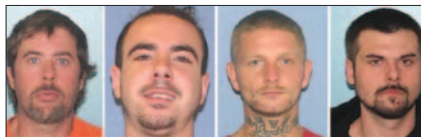
Cary police said the North Carolina Highway Patrol had alerted the department that the men were in the area, around 370 miles southeast of Gallipolis, the city where the jail is located. The two agencies, along with Raleigh, N.C., police and the Wake County Sheriff's Office, remained on-site for two hours after the arrests to "conduct a thorough search," police said.

Champlin has said authori-

ties believe the escaped inmates had help from at least one person outside the jail. The four inmates overpowered the two officers with a homemade weapon, forced open a secure door, entered the jail's administrative wing and stole keys to a corrections officer's vehicle and drove it about a block away, where another vehicle awaited them, Champlin said.

Champlin said authorities in Pennsylvania located the suspected getaway vehicle and believed Clemente was in the area, prompting the evacuation of the Westmoreland Mall outside Greensburg, Pa.

Clemente was being held for an indictment of two felony counts of complicity to trafficking drugs.



GALLIA COUNTY (OHIO) SHERIFF'S OFFICE/AP

From left, Brynn Martin, Christopher Clemente, Troy McDaniel Jr. and Lawrence Lee III escaped from an Ohio county jail on Sunday. All but Lee were caught early Monday.

Martin, who Champlin said escaped for the second time from the jail, is charged with breaking and entering, receiving stolen property, two counts of failure to appear and escape — all felonies.

McDaniel was being held for failure to appear in Gallia County Juvenile Court, and Lee is charged with felony identity fraud and two misdemeanors: obstructing official business and assault.

President warns of treason, civil war; GOP congressman outraged

By LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is warning that the Democrat-driven impeachment proceedings and any move to oust him from office amount to "treason" and would spark a civil war, prompting outrage from a Republican congressman.

Trump tweeted a conservative pastor's comment that removing him would provoke a "civil war-like fracture" in America.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, a former Air Force pilot who represents an Illinois district Trump won in 2016, tweeted on Sunday: "I have visited nations ravaged by civil war. ... I have never imagined such a quote to be repeated by a president. This is beyond repugnant."

Trump on Monday was thundering through a new round of counterpunches against his opponents by hammering home the suggestion that they should be arrested and charged with treason and could launch a civil war — or a combination of those. His top foes were the whistleblower whose complaint launched the House's impeachment investigation and the congressman leading it, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff.

"Arrest for Treason?" Trump tweeted Schiff on Monday in one of many presidential suggestions that his opponents should be investigated for operating under their constitutional duties and within the law.

Fact check: Treason is extremely narrowly defined, both in the nation's founding document and in federal law.

The Constitution states: "Treason

against the United States shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort."

Note the word "only." Treason occurs when a U.S. citizen, or a noncitizen on U.S. territory, wages war against the country or provides material support, not just sympathy, to a declared enemy of the United States. That came after Trump tweeted a comment from the Rev. Robert Jeffress, pastor of the Southern Baptist megachurch First Baptist Dallas.

"If the Democrats are successful in removing the president from office, it will cause a civil war-like fracture in this nation from which our country will never heal," Jeffress said on Sunday on Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends Weekend," which Trump posted a few hours later.



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., shown in Washington in March, condemned remarks by President Donald Trump invoking treason and civil war as "repugnant."

GOP struggles to manage threat to Trump over call



Among white Americans, about a third think Trump's actions have been good for black Americans, women and Hispanics, while about a quarter think they have been good for Muslims.

NATION

Time's Up

Legal defense fund allows lawyers to help everyday women bring #MeToo complaints

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

Jaribu Hill didn't opt for law school until her early 40s. She'd been a singer, actress, teacher and labor organizer before learning a college classmate had become head of a group for black female judges. "I can do that, too," she thought.

Hill has since become a leading civil rights and workers' rights lawyer in Mississippi and now, at 70, she's part of a nationwide network of attorneys helping women without much money pursue often costly sexual misconduct cases.

"We're looking for opportunities to lift up women who've never been lifted up," Hill said.

She is among 721 attorneys inspired by the #MeToo movement who have signed up with the Time's Up Legal Defense Fund since it launched last year. While the movement burst into the spotlight in October 2017 with celebrities and others accusing powerful men of sexual misconduct, the fund is reaching everyday working women who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford to take their complaints to court.

The Time's Up fund, administered by the National Women's Law Center, has received more than 3,670 requests for assistance and has funded 160 cases thanks to \$24 million in donations.

The lawyers in its network hail from big law firms and small practices in 45 states. One is a Harvard Law School graduate who has represented truck drivers and laundry workers. Another is a Washington attorney whose approach to discrimination cases evolved after he lost his vision a decade ago.

The law center's president, Fatima Goss Graves, praised their commitment.

"Workers who experience sexual harassment and retaliation across all industries now know there are attorneys who have their back," she said.

Jaribu Hill

Hill was the first lawyer in Mississippi to require sign-off from the Time's Up fund. The money helped her with a lawsuit from a black woman in her mid-50s who says she was sexually harassed by a co-worker at a regional bus line, then fired after complaining to her superiors.

Hill says the case will go to trial in February unless the bus company offers a "meaningful settlement."

The plaintiff, Sandra Norman, "has always been a victim of the system," Hill said. "But we should never assume just because someone's been beaten down, they don't have the courage to tell their story."

Hill grew up in Ohio and chose the City University of New York for law school before founding the Mississippi Worker's Center for Human Rights to advocate for low-wage workers.

The fund has enabled Hill to recruit investigators and law students to help her.

"We're telling young lawyers, 'If you're brave enough and skilled enough to take these cases, there's help out there,'" she said.

David Shaffer

Based in Washington, David Shaffer has challenged several federal law enforcement agencies — including the Secret Service — in civil rights class-action lawsuits from employees.

With help from the Time's Up fund, he's working on perhaps his highest-profile case: representing 16 female FBI recruits who allege gender discrimination. They sued in May over sexual harassment and unfair performance evaluations.

The case will extend into next year — perhaps longer — and Shaffer isn't sure whether the FBI would consider a settlement.

Shaffer, 61, has considered himself a strong civil rights advocate throughout his career, but his perspective evolved as he lost his vision over a two-year period starting when he was 49.

"That provided me a lot more insight into the world of people with disabilities," he said. "I realized how much of the world was inaccessible to the blind and was in position to do something about it."

He now juggles his practice with a job at Washington's public transit agency, where he tries to make the metro system more accessible to vision-impaired riders.

Shaffer also is trying to mentor young blind lawyers and law students. His message to them, "You can do it."

Kathryn Youker

Childhood memories of inequality stuck with Kathryn Youker as she started representing victims of racial and gender discrimination.

As a white child in the majority Hispanic city of Harlingen, Texas, "I saw inequality in a very stark and racist way," she said. "I always questioned why I had opportunities available to me that my classmates and friends didn't have."



MEREDITH WILLIAMS/AP

Jaribu Hill speaks in June at the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in Jackson during a reception honoring civil rights activist Unita Blackwell. Hill is among hundreds of attorneys who have joined the Time's Up Legal Defense Fund, inspired by the #MeToo movement.



Kathryn Youker



David Shaffer



Robert Vance

Now based in Brownsville — a twin city of Harlingen on the Mexican border — Youker, 44, coordinates labor and employment cases for Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, which provides free services to thousands of low-income residents and migrant workers.

Many of her cases have involved workplace sexual harassment. One of her clients, Carmen Garza, won about a year's pay in a March settlement after suing her employers for failing to protect her from sexual harassment while working as a home care aide.

Youker is coordinating a Time's Up grant to help Texas RioGrande expand community outreach on sexual harassment.

"We're talking about how it's happening here — in restaurants, in private homes," she said. "It's a very intimate discussion."

Robert Vance

Philadelphia attorney Robert Vance, who has specialized in employment discrimination cases for four decades, says the fund is

allowing him to help harassment victims who never could have paid legal bills on their own.

Vance represented Malin DeVoue, a black woman who was fired as head cook at a Philadelphia hotel after complaining to managers that the hotel's chief engineer was sexually harassing her. The case was settled in June. The amount DeVoue received hasn't been made public, but Vance said she is happy with the money and relieved to avoid a trial.

"Sexual harassment cases are difficult to do, because clients often have been fired and have no financial resources," Vance said. "The fund is wonderful because you can devote as much time as the case requires."

As a black man, Vance finds it rewarding to represent minority women and help them gain confidence that their allegations will be believed.

"I'm motivated to represent them as zealously and successfully as I can because I know what my family's female members go through," he said.

Eve Cervantez

Eve Cervantez enrolled in Harvard Law School anticipating a career in international law. After campus activism changed her outlook, she's spent more than 25 years championing workers who have faced mistreatment and discrimination.

Working for the San Francisco-based public interest law firm Altschuler Berzon, Cervantez has represented clients in class-action lawsuits including pizza delivery drivers, auto mechanics and bank tellers.

With Time's Up's support, she's handling sexual harassment complaints that several dozen McDonald's workers in numerous cities filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The women alleged groping, propositions for sex, indecent exposure and lewd comments by supervisors. They say they were ignored or mocked and, in some cases, faced retaliation after making their allegations.

Cervantez's team has asked the federal agency to consolidate the complaints and investigate whether McDonald's has systemic harassment problems.

"The goal is not just about money," said Cervantez, 55. "It's about changing practices going forward so employers treat people fairly."

‘Workers who experience sexual harassment and retaliation across all industries now know there are attorneys who have their back.’

Fatima Goss Graves

National Women's Law Center president

WORLD



BERND WUESTNECK, DPA/AP

A ferry leaves the harbor in high waves on the Baltic Sea in Warnemuende, eastern Germany, on Monday as storm winds swept across parts of central Europe.

Storm in central Europe kills 1

Associated Press

BERLIN — High winds swept across parts of central Europe on Monday, leaving one person dead in Slovakia, disrupting rail services in parts of northern Germany and prompting the temporary closure of two Berlin zoos.

Slovak police said a girl, 14, was killed by a fallen tree in Nitra, east of Bratislava, and an unspecified number of her fellow students were injured, one of them seriously.

In the neighboring Czech Republic, some 30,000 households

were without electricity, while fallen trees disrupted roads and train travel.

In Germany, long-distance lines from Berlin to Hamburg and Hannover, and to Stralsund in the country's northeastern corner, were among those closed on Monday morning and then reopened. In southern Germany, a fallen tree forced the closure of the Nuremberg-Augsburg line.

Near Wolfsburg, between Hannover and Berlin, a high-speed train ran into a tree that had fallen on the tracks. The driver was slightly injured.

Strong winds were expected in northern and eastern Germany through Monday afternoon. Berlin's two zoos were closed for the day because of a risk of falling branches, and animals were taken indoors.

Near Dortmund, in western Germany, the fire service used a boat and makeshift walkways to rescue sheep from a field flooded by heavy rain. News agency dpa reported that the field was submerged under as much as 6½ feet of water and that some animals died in the flooding. About 200 were rescued.

France bids farewell to former president

By SAM PETREQUIN
AND CLAIRE PARKER

Associated Press

PARIS — Former French President Jacques Chirac was given full military honors Monday as past and current world leaders gathered in Paris to attend his final service.

Cutting a solemn figure, French President Emmanuel Macron presided over the ceremony on a mild, sunny morning near the site of Napoleon's tomb in the courtyard of Les Invalides. A military band played the national anthem, "La Marseillaise," before Macron inspected the troops. Chirac's casket, covered with a tricolor flag, was then carried to the center of the courtyard.

Macron, who did not speak, later attended a memorial service at the Church of Saint-Sulpice in downtown Paris alongside dozens of French politicians and foreign officials, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, former U.S. President Bill Clinton, former German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder and Jordan's King Abdullah II.

Chirac's coffin was driven to Saint-Sulpice, where pianist Daniel Barenboim played a Schubert impromptu as mourners lined the procession route to his funeral service. When the hearse carrying Chirac drove by, the crowd broke into applause.

Standing outside the Invalides,



PHILIPPE WOJAZEK/AP

French President Emmanuel Macron follows the flag-draped coffin of the late President Jacques Chirac during a military funeral honors ceremony at the Invalides monument in Paris on Monday.

Nathalie Kabongo, whose husband worked on Chirac's 1995 and 2002 campaigns, said Chirac reminded her of "a politics closer to the people."

"Apart from being president, he was a man ... a warm man, a man close to people, smiling and with a heart," she said. "We need that sometimes."

Those assembled took pictures, shed tears and held signs reading, "Thank you for saying no to the war in Iraq" as they watched the flag-draped coffin on screen.

Max Mignard, who came to pay his respects, described Chirac as the "kindest man in politics."

A private family church service for Chirac was celebrated prior to the military tribute, and a private funeral was taking place later at the Montparnasse Cemetery. A moment of silence was being held in schools and public buildings across the country Monday on France's national day of mourning for its former leader.

A mainstay of French politics over four decades, Chirac served as Paris mayor, a lawmaker, prime minister and France's president from 1995 to 2007. The last French head of state to complete two terms in office, Chirac died last week at 86.

Johnson's troubles mount as deadline for Brexit looms

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, England — U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson faced political opposition and personal allegations Monday as he tried to fulfill his pledge to lead Britain out of the European Union in just over a month.

As he tried to energize Conservative members and lawmakers at the party's annual conference, Johnson was forced to deny a journalist's claim that he had grabbed her thigh at a private lunch two decades ago.

Sunday Times columnist Charlotte Edwards said the incident took place when she worked at The Spectator, a conservative newsmagazine, while Johnson was its editor.

Asked Monday if the allegation was true, Johnson said, "No."

Edwards stood by her story, tweeting, "If the prime minister doesn't recollect the incident then clearly I have a better memory than he does."

Johnson also is under scrutiny for claims that an American businessman, Jennifer Arcuri, received money and perks from London coffers while Johnson was mayor of the British capital.

He also denied wrongdoing over Arcuri, who was given grants and places on overseas trade trips for her small tech startup, saying everything was done "with full propriety." The case has been referred to Britain's police watchdog, which will decide whether to

investigate Johnson for misconduct in a public office.

Johnson has vowed that Britain will leave the EU on the scheduled date of Oct. 31 with or without a divorce deal governing future relations with the bloc. His foes in Parliament are determined to avoid a no-deal exit, which economists say would plunge Britain into recession.

The personal allegations overshadowed the Conservative Party's four-day annual conference in Manchester, northwest England, where Johnson is trying to rally the party — and prepare for an election that could come within weeks — under the slogan "Get Brexit Done."

Johnson denied the claims of misconduct were a distraction.

"I think what the public wants to hear is what we are doing to bring the country together and get on with improving their lives," he said.

The conference follows a tumultuous week for a leader who has been in the job only since July. Last week, the U.K. Supreme Court declared that Johnson's attempt to suspend Parliament for five weeks was illegal. Among other things, he cut short a trip to the United States, racing home to face the House of Commons, where lawmakers greeted him with cries of "resign!" He then lost a vote on a normally routine matter — a request to adjourn for a week so that Conservatives could attend their conference.

Turkey to press ahead with probe into Kashoggi killing

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Days ahead of the anniversary of the grisly slaying of Saudi journalist Jamal Kashoggi, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Monday that his country will press ahead with efforts to shed light on the killing.

In a Washington Post op-ed, Erdogan described the journalist's killing by a Saudi hit squad as "arguably the most influential and controversial incident of the 21st century" and blamed the murder on a "shadow state within the kingdom's government — not the Saudi state or people."

The Turkish leader wrote: "We will keep asking the same questions. ... Where are Kashoggi's remains? Who signed the Saudi journalist's death warrant? Who dispatched the 15 killers, including a forensic expert, aboard the two planes to Istanbul?"

Kashoggi entered the Saudi consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2, 2018, to collect a document that he needed to marry his Turkish fiancée. Agents of the Saudi government killed Kashoggi inside the consulate and apparently dismembered his body, which has never been found.

Saudi Arabia initially offered multiple shifting accounts about Kashoggi's disappearance. As international pressure mounted, the kingdom eventually settled on the explanation that he was killed by rogue officials in a brawl inside their consulate.

The kingdom has put 11 people on trial in nonpublic proceedings. No one has been convicted so far.

Erdogan criticized the court proceedings in Saudi Arabia, which he said lacked transparency and maintained that some of Kashoggi's murderers "enjoy de facto freedom."

WORLD

China's Xi renews commitment to Hong Kong

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
Associated Press

BEIJING — Chinese Communist Party leader and President Xi Jinping on Monday renewed his government's commitment to allowing Hong Kong to manage its own affairs amid continuing anti-government protests in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

Xi made his remarks at a reception on the eve of a massive celebration of the People's Republic's 70th anniversary that threatens to be marred by clashes between police and anti-government demonstrators in Hong Kong.

Demonstrators and police clashed for a second straight day Sunday in Hong Kong, sparking further chaos in the city's business and shopping belt and drawing fears of more ugly scenes during the weeklong National Day holiday.

"We will continue to fully and faithfully implement the principles of 'One country, two systems' (and) 'Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong,'" Xi said according to a printed copy of his remarks.

China's approach is to ensure that Hong Kong and its fellow semi-autonomous region of Macao "prosper and progress alongside the mainland and embrace an even brighter future," Xi said.

Earlier Monday, Xi led other top leaders in paying respects to the founder of the Communist state, Mao Zedong, ahead



MARK SCHIEFFELIN/AP

Chinese President Xi Jinping walks past floral wreaths at the Monument to the People's Heroes during a ceremony to mark Martyr's Day at Tiananmen Square in Beijing on Monday ahead of a massive celebration of the People's Republic's 70th anniversary.

of the massive celebrations emphasizing China's rise to global prominence.

The unusual move saw Xi bow three times to Mao's statue at his mausoleum in the center of Beijing's Tiananmen Square and pay his respects to Mao's embalmed

corpse, which has lain in state in the hulking chamber since soon after his death in 1976. It was believed to be the first visit to the mausoleum by Xi and other officials since 2013, the 120th anniversary of Mao's birth.

Xi also ascended the nearby

Monument to the People's Heroes to pay further tribute on what has been designated Martyr's Day, just ahead of Tuesday's National Day festivities, which will be marked by a massive military parade through the center of the city of 20 million people.

Along with other top party officials, more than 4,000 Chinese, including elderly military veterans and retired senior officials, "relatives of martyrs, honorees of national medals and honorary titles" and members of the party's youth organization visited the monument to lay flowers and wreaths.

September 30 was designated Martyr's Day by China's legislature in 2014, a year after Xi became president and began redoubling propaganda efforts to promote patriotism and glorify the party, as well as to cultivate a cult of personality surrounding himself unseen since the time of Mao.

The nationwide celebrations seek to highlight China's enormous transformation from an impoverished state ravaged by Japan's World War II invasion and a following civil war into the world's second-largest economy.

On Tuesday, Xi is expected to preside from atop iconic Tiananmen Gate over a parade that will display China's rapidly developing arsenal, possibly including the nuclear-capable Dongfeng 41 missile that could reach the United States in 30 minutes. Plans call for 15,000 troops, more than 160 aircraft and 580 pieces of military equipment to take part in the event.

The display of military prowess is seen as a way to underscore Beijing's ambition to enforce claims to self-governance in Taiwan, virtually the entire South China Sea and territory held by Japan.

Activists slam Hong Kong police warning of holiday violence

By EILEEN NG
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong police warned Monday of the potential for protesters in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory to engage in violence "one step closer to terrorism" during this week's National Day events, an assertion ridiculed by activists as propaganda meant to scare people from taking to the streets.

Police public relations chief Tse Chun-chung said police intelligence suggested hard-line protesters were inciting others to commit "extreme acts" such as killing police, posing as police officials to kill civilians and large-scale arson including at gas stations during Tuesday's holiday.

"We are on the verge of extreme danger," Tse told a news conference. "There are apparent signs that hard-core violence may escalate. Those acts are one step closer to terrorism."

Lawmaker Claudia Mo called the police intelligence "a joke," saying the warning echoed one made by a Chinese-government newspaper days earlier.

This is Chinese propaganda at play, she said. "What's more worrying is that police have ad-

mitted to its officials masquerading as protesters. So who will be the arsonists? Who will be the murderers? The goal is to instill fear in society so that people will be scared to go out. This is a despicable tactic."

Echoing that view was Bonnie Leung, of the Civil Human Rights Front, which has organized several massive rallies in nearly four months of anti-government protests.

Violence erupted over the weekend in what has become familiar cycle since protests began in June over a now-shelved extradition bill and have escalated into an anti-China movement. Many people view Beijing as chipping away at the autonomy and freedoms Hong Kong was promised when the former British colony returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

Authorities are looking to avoid any potential violence on National Day, as showdowns could embarrass Chinese President Xi Jinping as his ruling Communist Party marks 70 years since taking power.

Civil Human Rights Front's request for a march to be held Tuesday through the city center was rejected by police. An appeals board on Monday upheld the ban. The group warned that denying

a peaceful avenue for protesters could accelerate violence because citizens will turn up anyway, as they've done in past when rallies were banned.

"Hong Kong is losing its freedom of speech and assembly. Hong Kong is becoming more and more like a police state, like a tyranny like Beijing," she said.

Apart from the march, other rallies are planned in multiple locations Tuesday, with posters calling for Oct. 1 to be marked as "A Day of Grief."

The government has tightened security near a convention center where a muted National Day reception will be held indoors Tuesday. The public will be barred from watching the flag-raising ceremony at a square outside the center in the morning, and an annual firework display has been canceled.

Tse, the public relations chief, said violence escalated over the weekend, especially during a melee Sunday in the heart of the city's business and shopping district that lasted late into the night.

He said protesters lobbed more than 100 gasoline bombs, set large street blazes and attacked police. In response, police fired water cannons and used 328 tear gas



GENUNG AMARASINGHE/AP

Students gather during a schoolchildren's strike in support of the protest movement in Hong Kong on Monday. Activists ridiculed a warning from police that cited terrorism in condemning the protests.

cannisters and other projectiles to clear the crowd. He said one officer had to fire a bullet in the air after protesters surrounded him.

He said 157 people, aged between 12 and 53, were detained over the weekend. Local media reported more than two dozen people, including a foreign journalist, were injured.

Local media also reported that three people, including an actor and activist, were detained Monday

over their participation in the protests. Police couldn't immediately confirm that when contacted by The Associated Press.

Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam left earlier Monday with a delegation of 240 people to participate in National Day festivities in Beijing. Chief Secretary Matthew Cheung will represent Lam until she returns Tuesday evening.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

China to send its top trade negotiator to US for talks

Associated Press

BEIJING — China's top trade negotiator will lead an upcoming 13th round of talks aimed at resolving a trade war with the United States, a senior Chinese official said Sunday.

Vice Premier Liu He will travel to Washington for the negotiations, Vice Commerce Minister Wang Shouwen said. He didn't give exact dates but said the talks would be after China's National Day holiday, which runs through Oct. 7.

"The two sides should find a solution through equal dialogue in accordance with the principle of

mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit," Wang said at a news conference with other officials, including Commerce Minister Zhong Shan.

The Trump administration first imposed tariffs on Chinese imports last year in a bid to win concessions from China, which responded with tit-for-tat tariffs. The escalating dispute between the world's two largest economies has depressed stock prices and poses a threat to the global economy.

Both sides have made conciliatory gestures ahead of the next round of talks, but a deal remains

elusive.

The U.S. postponed a further tariff increase on Chinese goods, and China lifted punitive duties on soybeans. The move helps both American farmers and Chinese pig breeders, who use soy as feed and are struggling with a devastating outbreak of African swine fever.

The Chinese government released a third round of 10,000 tons of pork from its reserves Sunday to try to stabilize rising prices ahead of the holiday, Vice Commerce Minister Qian Qingsheng said at the news conference.

China also has increased pork



No Han Guan/AP

An investor rests while monitoring stock prices at a brokerage in Beijing on Wednesday. China has announced it will send its top trade negotiator to the U.S. for a round of talks on ending the trade war that has depressed stock prices.

imports 40% in the first eight months of this year, as well as those of other meats.

Qian said the average wholesale price of pork had edged down slightly during the week of Sept. 16-22 to \$5.11 per kilogram.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 1)	\$1.1189
Dollar buys (Oct. 1)	69.8937
British pound (Oct. 1)	\$1.26
Japanese yen (Oct. 1)	105.00
South Korean won (Oct. 1)	1,169.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.2314
Canada (Dollar)	1.3243
China (Yuan)	7.1426
Denmark (Krone)	6.8490
Egypt (Pound)	16.2648
Euro	\$1.0902/0.9173
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8391
Hungary (Forint)	307.03
Israel (Shekel)	3.4783
Japan (Yen)	108.03
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3043
Norway (Krone)	9.0780
Philippines (Peso)	51.80
Poland (Zloty)	4.01
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7521
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3821
South Korea (Won)	1,198.68
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9967
Thailand (Baht)	30.59
Turkey (Lira)	5.6497

INTEREST RATES	
Prime rate	5.00
Discount rate	2.50
Federate funds market rate	1.85
3-month bill	1.75
30-year bond	2.12

German court opens proceedings in suit against VW

Associated Press

BERLIN — A German court opened proceedings Monday in a landmark case in which some 470,000 consumers aim to establish a right to compensation from automaker Volkswagen for cars affected by the company's diesel emissions scandal.

The case, brought by the Federation of German Consumer Organizations on behalf of hundreds of thousands of diesel owners, uses rules enacted last year that allow a form of class-action suits.

The new system was prompted in part by the scandal over Volkswagen's use of software to turn emissions controls off when vehicles weren't being tested, which was discovered in 2015.



MICHAEL SONN/AP

A German court has opened proceedings in a case in which consumers are seeking a right to compensation from Volkswagen over a diesel emissions scandal.

The Braunschweig state court declared the suit admissible as proceedings opened, news agency dpa reported, but suggested that the plaintiffs have plenty of

work to do to prove their case.

Presiding Judge Michael Neef suggested that the two sides could consider a settlement, saying that "a settlement is very difficult but possible." Volkswagen has said it is hard to imagine in this case.

Neef said his court would have to consider whether vehicle owners suffered damage from the emissions-cheating software itself or from bans subsequently imposed on driving older diesel cars in some areas. The cars continued in most cases to be used, he noted.

The proceedings in Braunschweig, which encompass cars made by the Volkswagen, Audi, Seat and Skoda brands fitted with EA 189 diesel engines that were bought after Nov. 1, 2008,

and later affected by a recall, are meant to establish only whether the company acted illegally. If the court decides that that was the case, consumers would then have to seek compensation in separate proceedings.

In a separate case, prosecutors last week announced charges of market manipulation against Volkswagen CEO Herbert Diess and board Chairman Hans Dieter Poetsch, as well as former CEO Martin Winterkorn, arguing that they deliberately informed markets too late about the huge costs to the company that would result from the scandal.

Volkswagen rejects the allegations and is backing Diess and Poetsch.

WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

\$1M bail set for officer charged with assault

PA PHILADELPHIA — A Philadelphia police officer was arrested and charged with sexual assault and other offenses.

Bail has been set at \$1 million for Officer Novice Sloan, 28.

Sloan was arrested Friday and is charged with sexual assault, indecent assault and simple assault. Authorities said the alleged assault occurred on Aug. 8 but didn't provide additional details.

Sloan is assigned to the 17th police district in South Philadelphia.

In a statement, District Attorney Larry Krasner called the charges "incredibly serious."

Man charged in fatal shooting of burglar

TX DALLAS — The wife of a Dallas man charged in the fatal shooting of someone they thought was a burglar contacted a lawyer before the husband called 911 to report a home invasion, according to police documents.

James Michael Meyer was charged with murder in Thursday's shooting, with bond set at \$150,000, The Dallas Morning News reported. He was no longer in custody Sunday.

Meyer told police he heard a noise outside around 5 a.m. Thursday and saw someone with a pickax trying to break into his storage shed, according to an arrest warrant affidavit. Meyer told police that he grabbed his gun, went out and, when the person stepped toward him, he fired and the burglar dropped his pickax and ran.

Meyer said he fired an additional shot "into the night."

"From the suspect's accounts, the threat of serious bodily injury against him was over when the complainant dropped the pickax and ran off," the affidavit said.

Rooftop pool leak displaces 250 people

FL DANIA BEACH — A leak of thousands of gallons of water from a rooftop pool displaced 250 people from a Florida apartment building.

Authorities said the water began pouring from sprinkler heads and light fixtures Friday night at the Plaza at Dania Beach. Residents had to evacuate to hotels or make other housing arrangements.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel reports that the pool holds about 10,000 gallons of water and that it was half-empty after the leak. Firefighters pumped the rest of the water out onto the street eight stories below.

No one was injured.

Report: Arson suspect set fires before reunion

CA MILPITAS — A suspected arsonist traveled from Missouri to Northern California to set more than a dozen wildfires before attending his 50th high school reunion, a newspaper reported Saturday.

A former classmate told the San



CHARLES SYKES, INVISION/AP

Global citizens unite

A crowd is gathered at the 2019 Global Citizen Festival in Central Park in New York on Saturday. The annual music festival started in 2012 and is organized by the Global Poverty Project. It is part of a movement to end extreme poverty.

Jose Mercury News that Freddie Owen Graham appeared happy at the party on Sept. 21. Graham, a California native who has lived in the Kansas City, Mo., area for the past three decades, didn't seem troubled or upset, Rich Santoro said.

State fire investigators said Graham gave them a different impression. After he was arrested at the airport in San Jose, Graham told them he was in an "emotional" state over the loss of his wife in 2018 when he tossed flaming pieces of paper onto the side of a road.

Graham is being held on \$2 million bail on 13 counts of arson.

NYPD officer arrested on sex abuse charges

NY NEW YORK — A New York City police detective who monitors sex offenders has been arrested on sex abuse charges involving a 12-year-old girl.

Police said Detective Juan Jimenez, 37, is accused of groping and trying to kiss the girl inside his Brooklyn apartment building. Jimenez was arrested on charges of sex abuse, forcible touching and acting in a manner injurious to a child.

Artist fixing up ghost town for other artists

UT CISCO — An artist is trying to revitalize an

THE CENSUS

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The value of ornamental fish stolen from a Santa Fe N.M., business' pond. KOB-TV reported authorities said the theft was captured on video. Owner Melissa D'Angelico said the thief took 10 of her koi in front of Santa Fe Landscapes and Water Gardens. A video shows

a man using a net to remove fish. Koi fish are colorful, ornamental versions of the common carp and can grow up to 3 feet. D'Angelico said the thief stole fish at different times over the past few months.

abandoned old railroad town in eastern Utah by refurbishing dilapidated buildings and converting them into residences for artists.

Eileen Muza is the sole resident of Cisco, a scattering of old buildings in the high desert 30 miles west of the Colorado line, KUTV reported. The town was created in the 1880s as a fill-station for a railroad but died off when Interstate 70 was built a few miles north.

Muza first became fascinated by the town when she visited it while on vacation. She purchased it in 2015 and left her life in Chicago to move there.

Town given ownership of mile-long green

CT LEBANON — A generations-old question over who owns the mile-long green at the center of the eastern Connecticut town of Lebanon has been resolved after 20 years of negotiations and court hearings.

The green, little changed from

the days when French troops camped on it during the Revolutionary War, is the center of community life in the town of just over 7,200 people.

Several years ago, plans to expand a library on the edge of the green were thwarted because a document dating to 1705 showed the green actually belonged to the "heirs and assigns" of the 17th- and early 18th-century investors in the property.

Last month, a judge signed off on the last piece of a plan that awards ownership and control of most of the land to the town.

Big box stores take new approach to shoplifting

PA UNITY — Some retail stores in Pennsylvania are increasingly taking an approach to combat shoplifting that bypasses local police.

Stores like Walmart, Sears, Kohl's and others are filing private criminal complaints against suspected shoplifters directly to

the district attorney's office.

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review found they accounted for nearly half of more than 4,000 shoplifting complaints filed in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties over roughly five years.

About 46 percent of those resulted in convictions.

Legal experts say it's within the law for store security personnel to question a suspected shoplifter and use the information in a criminal complaint, though some say it's prudent to notify a suspect of Miranda rights to have an attorney.

Events slated to mark 'Black Sox Scandal'

OH CINCINNATI — Baseball history buffs can delve this week into the Cincinnati side of the 1919 World Series known infamously as the "Black Sox Scandal."

Cincinnati's public library system has organized events featuring historians to mark the 100th anniversary of the Reds' first World Series victory.

The series was tarnished by revelations of a gambling conspiracy to "fix" the series, resulting in the lifetime banishment of eight Chicago White Sox players, including famed hitter "Shoeless" Joe Jackson.

The scandal was featured in the film "Eight Men Out."

From wire reports

FACES

Next fresh role for Will Smith: Drug lord

Gangster in 'The Council' a rare bad-guy part

By NICK VADALA
The Philadelphia Inquirer

For his next role, Will Smith will play a gangster.

Smith, 51, has signed on to play New York City crime lord Nicky Barnes in Netflix's upcoming crime drama "The Council." As *Indiewire* reports, he'll also produce the film alongside business partner James Lassiter under the Overbrook Entertainment banner.

Barnes rose to infamy in the 1970s as the leader of a New York-based crime syndicate that partnered with the Italian mafia to control much of the area's heroin dealing at the time, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*. Barnes' exploits earned him the nickname of "Mr. Untouchable," a title bestowed upon him by the New York Times. He was arrested in 1978 and later became a federal informant.

Ultimately, Barnes died of cancer in 2012—a fact not revealed until earlier this year due to his participation in the witness protection program, the *Times* reported in June.

This is somewhat of a departure for Smith, who has played complex characters in the past, but rarely takes on the role of a "bad guy"—although *Suicide Squad's* Deadshot is technically a bad guy, he's a hero in the end.

According to a film synopsis, "The Council" tells the story of Barnes' or-

ganization of seven African American men that operated out of Harlem in the 1970s while dreaming of a "self-sufficient and self-policing African American city-state, funded by revolutionizing the drug game." The movie, Netflix says, "centers on the Shakespearean court intrigue" experienced by the group.

"The Council" serves as the first feature focusing primarily on Barnes, but other crime movies have included him as a character in the past. Cuba Gooding Jr., for example, played Barnes in 2007's "American Gangster," which was based on the life of fellow crime boss Frank Lucas. Before that, in 2005, Sean Combs played Barnes in "Carlito's Way: Rise to Power." "Mr. Untouchable," a documentary about Barnes, was released in 2007.

No release date for "The Council" has yet been announced. "The Council," however, is Smith's second movie with Netflix following the release of "Bright" in 2017. The service currently has a sequel for that movie, which starred Smith as a Los Angeles cop prejudiced toward orcs, in the works.

Smith will next appear in Ang Lee's "Gemini Man," a sci-fi movie in which Smith plays a hit man as well as a younger clone of his character thanks to the use of new CGI techniques. That film is slated for release on Oct. 11.

Among Will Smith's upcoming projects is "Gemini Man," due out Oct. 11.

TAMAS KOVACS, MTI/AP



Scorsese's anticipated 'Irishman' premieres

By JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

Martin Scorsese's "The Irishman" premiered Sept. 27 at the New York Film Festival, finally raising the curtain on the director's long-awaited, 209-minute crime-drama opus.

Though the film's genre and cast, including Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci, has led some to expect a gangster thriller in the mold of "GoodFellas" or "Casino," "The Irishman" is a more reflective, less flashy rumination on morality, violence and American power. Through de-aging visual effects, the performances by De Niro, Pesci and Al Pacino span decades.

The film's debut has loomed like few others on the film calendar, and a rare frenzy greeted it at Lincoln Center. Reviews from critics were largely laudatory.

Variety called it "a coldly enthralling triumph" and "a stately, ominous, suck-in-your-breath summing up." The *Hollywood Reporter* called the film's length a weakness but still hailed "a sprawling gangland saga that's by turns flinty, amusing and richly nostalgic." The *New York Times* called it "a gift for cinephiles... but also a somber acknowledgment of limitations."

The film is also one of Netflix's biggest bets yet. The streaming company plunked down \$159 million to make "The Irishman" after other studios passed. Scorsese, speaking in a Q&A alongside cast and producers, said that Netflix was the only one willing to bankroll the movie.

"We couldn't get backing for years," Scorsese said. "It's a costly experiment, but (Netflix chief content officer Ted Sarandos) and everyone at Netflix was like, 'We'll go with it.'"

Scorsese called his film "an interesting hybrid" as both something made for theaters and for watching at home. It will open theatrically Nov. 1 and begin streaming on Nov. 27.

Based on Charles Brandt's book "I Heard You Paint Houses," "The Irishman" has been in development on and off for more than a decade. It stars De Niro as Frank Sheeran, a mafia hitman and high-ranking Teamster official. Shortly before his death, he confessed to killing Jimmy Hoffa (played by Pacino). Pesci plays the mob boss Russell Bufalino.

For many, the biggest excitement about "The Irishman" is seeing Scorsese and De Niro back together for the first time since 1995's "Casino." Pesci has acted only a handful of times in the two decades since "Lethal Weapon 4." And even though many assume they've made numerous films together, this is Scorsese's first movie with Pacino.

"Finally," the director said.

Spider-Man gets at least 1 more Avengers movie

From wire reports

Well, look who's still an Avenger after all. Sony Pictures Entertainment and Walt Disney Studios have announced that they will team up on another Spider-Man film, after negotiations between the two had reportedly soured.

This means Tom Holland's Spider-Man will still be an active part of the Disney-controlled Marvel Cinematic Universe, keeping the door open for him to appear in any future Avengers movies.

Marvel Studios President Kevin Feige will produce the film, the third in the "Spider-Man: Homecoming" series.

"I am thrilled that Spidey's journey in the MCU will continue, and I and all of us at Marvel Studios are very excited that we get to keep working on it," Feige said in a statement.

The as-yet-untitled film will be released July 16, 2021.

Sony and Marvel had been producing the "Homecoming" movies together but could not come to terms on a new deal in August.

Tyler Perry says he can't 'up and leave' filming in Georgia

Tyler Perry said he cannot "just up and leave" filming in Georgia despite Hollywood's backlash against the state's "heartbeat" abortion law, which bans abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected.



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Spider-Man, currently played by Tom Holland, isn't done with the Avengers yet.

The actor-director-writer made the remarks to *The Associated Press* on Sept. 27 while discussing the upcoming opening of his massive Atlanta-based studio. Some celebs have urged TV and film companies to abandon the state after Republican Gov. Brian Kemp signed the restrictive abortion bill in May.

But Perry, whose hits include the "Madea" franchise and "Why Did I Get Married?" films, said he is committed to staying put.

"Atlanta has been the dream. It has been the promised land," he said. "So when I got here, this whole state and city has been amazing to me and I wouldn't trade that for anything. Also, I put \$250 million in the ground here and in the studio. So when you have a quarter of a billion dollars sat down in the ground, you can't just up and leave."

'Abominable' opens with \$20.9 million at box office

Universal's "Abominable" opened in first place with \$20.9 million, just above analyst projections of \$17 million to \$20 million, according to estimates from measurement firm Comscore.

The film added \$8.8 million internationally for a global cumulative of \$30.5 million.

The film posted the biggest opening for an original animated film this year and is just the third original film to open in first place at the domestic box office behind the studio's earlier hits "Us" and "Good Boys."

In second place, "Downton Abbey," now in its second weekend, added \$14.5 million for a cumulative \$58.5 million.

At No. 3, "Hustlers" added \$11.5 million in its third weekend for a cumulative \$86.0 million.

Other news

■ Duane Chapman, known to millions as the star of the "Dog the Bounty Hunter" reality TV show, told *People* magazine that he is suffering from a pulmonary embolism (blood clot in his lung).

■ Metallica said its frontman James Hetfield has entered rehab, and the band is canceling its upcoming tour in Australia and New Zealand. The statement said Hetfield, 56, has struggled with addiction for years and has re-entered a treatment program.

SHIFTING GEARS



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Land Cruiser provides all the comforts of home

By CHARLES FLEMING
Los Angeles Times

Intrigued by the recent explosion of interest in vintage sport utility vehicles, with prices surging on 1960s and 1970s Ford Broncos, Chevy Blazers, Jeep CJs and Land Rovers, I asked someone at Toyota, “Do you still make a Land Cruiser?”

So overshadowed in recent years by the massively popular Range Rovers, which now could replace the Mercedes-Benz as the cliché “California Chevy,” this venerable veteran has slipped a bit below the radar. As SUV sales climbed, Land Cruiser sales stagnated. The total number of these Toyotas sold in the U.S. dropped from an impressive 15,000 units in 2000 to a sorry 3,219 in 2018.

Toyota does, in fact, still make the Land Cruiser. With 2020 models arriving shortly in dealerships, I decided to borrow one for a couple of weeks to see if the legendary road warrior still lived up to its legend.

The vehicle has a colorful history, stretching back to World War II, when the Japanese army captured an American Jeep in the Philippines and asked Toyota to copy it. After the war, the U.S. Army asked Toyota to build more of them for service in the Korean War.

In 1957, the FJ40 version — which still looked a lot like an Army brat — became the first vehicle Toyota offered in the U.S.

Over time, the Land Cruiser looked less and less like a Jeep and more and more like an English Land Rover. Sales were steady, totaling more than 6 million units through 2018.

The early models were rough and ready, outfitted for service in difficult off-road locations. Perfect for camping or hunting, built to bear multiple guests and bales of equipment, the early models were long on capability and short on comfort.

Not anymore.

The modern Cruiser, including the current model, is a big, lumbering luxury SUV — almost 7 feet tall, almost 7 feet wide, a full 16 feet long and weighing just under 3 tons. It offers generous space, good visibility and all the comforts of home.

The perch is high, sitting on 18-inch wheels that buy 8.9 inches of ground clearance and 27 inches of “fording depth.” The suspension is soft, the ride is quiet and the road feels far, far away. For some, this will be a plus. For others, a minus.

On the freeway, skipping along at the maximum speed limit, I was pleased by the silence and the slushy steering. But on city streets, and much more so on unpaved roads, I felt disconnected from the surface over which I was traveling, driving without much feel and without much feedback from the tires.

Toyota loads its Land Cruiser with substantial bells, whistles, safety technology and off-road tools. Standard on the 2020 model — whose basics haven’t changed from 2019 — are adaptive cruise control, lane departure warning, pedestrian detection, blind spot monitoring, automatic high beams and rain-sensing windshield wipers — plus trailer-sway control, because this Cruiser is a toy hauler too, with 8,100 pounds of towing capacity.

Standard niceties include heated and ventilated front seats, climate control for the rear seats, leather interior, a “cooler box” for chilling snacks and beverages in the center console and a seat-back entertainment system featuring wireless headphones for the back-seat passengers.

Off-road accoutrements include various four-wheel-drive settings, a handy “crawl” feature, which will do all the gas and brake pedal work in tricky slow-speed situations, and cameras that allow the driver to inspect the front, side and rear landscape (without leaving the cockpit) when the footing seems questionable.

Also standard is a full-size spare tire, slung under the rear of the vehicle — essential for any serious off-road exploring.

All in, that’s how Toyota justifies charging \$86,000 base for one of these bad boys. At that price, it’s parallel with the fancier Range Rovers from England — and a far cry from the rugged Jeep-like jalopies that made the Cruiser’s reputation.

Hoping to put the vehicle to more than a week-around-town test, I took a trip into the Angeles National Forest for an overnight campout. Since we were only two campers, we didn’t require more than two of the Cruiser’s seven available seats or use much of the 81.7 cubic feet of storage space available when the rear seats are folded flat.

But we did use the off-road capabilities. When we arrived at the first campsite,

after 3 miles of rough dirt road, we found too many other campers for our taste. Seeking solitude, we pressed on and did another 3 miles of much rougher road. We drove where many SUVs would fear to tread and had the next campsite all to ourselves.

The big Cruiser is offered with only one powertrain in the U.S. It’s a 5.7-liter V-8, connected to an eight-speed automatic transmission that makes 381 horsepower and a potent 401 pound-feet of torque.

To manage that power off the pavement, Toyota loads the Cruiser with full-time all-wheel drive, a locking differential, a hill start assist and very impressive suspension.

That gave us all the muscle we needed to rock-crawl our way comfortably into camp. But it came at a price. Around town, this guzzler gets only 13 miles to the gallon. If Toyota can sell a Tacoma pickup truck that gets 18 miles to the gallon — still woefully low — is 13 really the best it can do with a Land Cruiser?

In fairness to Toyota and those falling sales figures, this is a specialty vehicle. As the Cruiser has grown older, it has gotten bigger and become even more of a niche vehicle. Indeed, unless the owner has a family, needs more than five seats and needs massive cargo capacity and off-road ruggedness, what’s it for?

For 2020, Toyota will be offering a Heritage edition in addition to the standard model, with a special grille, bronzed wheels and a one-off Land Cruiser Heritage badge.

Maybe Toyota could better capitalize on the Land Cruiser heritage and bring back one of the smaller models, as Land Rover has done with its Defender. I bet sales would climb if Toyota were to offer an updated version of the FJ40 or FJ45 from its earlier years.

2020 Toyota Land Cruiser



Highs: Still handsome and capable as ever
Low: Overfed, overpriced and very thirsty
Base price: \$86,060
Powertrain: 5.7-liter V-8 gasoline engine
Torque: 401 pound-feet
EPA fuel economy rating: 13 mpg city/18 highway/15 combined

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OPINION

As Fox News goes, so goes Trump

By DAVID VON DREHLE

The Washington Post

With impeachment gathering steam, the fate of President Donald Trump is in the hands of a single institution. Not the Senate, though that's the body established by the Constitution to make the ultimate decision to remove a president. I'm thinking of Fox News.

Ordinarily, I'm skeptical of the power of media organizations — even Fox News. Though it is the most-watched cable (shall we say) "news" channel in the United States, its average primetime viewership of about 2.5 million people is less than 1 percent of the nation. The audiences for MSNBC and CNN are typically even smaller. Most Americans have better things to do with their evenings than to be harangued about politics.

However, those Fox News viewers punch far above their weight in one regard: They are the core of any hard-right primary challenge that might be waged against an incumbent Republican senator. I believe based on conversations with knowledgeable Republicans that Trump is neither popular nor admired among the Senate majority, but he is feared, therefore tolerated. The fear stems from his firm grip on that Fox News-viewing core and the belief that he could turn the core into an incumbent-crushing machine.

To the extent that Trump's grip begins to loosen, the fear will begin to lift and the president's Senate firewall will begin to crumble. That's the figure it and I think Trump might be making a similar calculation, because his Twitter feed has been peppered lately with his annoyance at Fox News over various perceived acts of hosili-

ty. He might believe that he can maintain his standing solely through his unmediated tweets, regardless of Fox News. But I don't think he really wants to find out.

As it happens, Trump's crisis finds Fox News at a turning point. With the sale of his company's movie arm to Disney, founder Rupert Murdoch has cashed out a large part of his empire while anointing his eldest son, Lachlan, the chief executive of the media business. The death of Roger Ailes, accused sexual harasser and Fox News visionary, opens the way to fresh thinking — which the channel sorely needs, given its median audience age of about 65.

Amid this flux, it is intriguing that Fox News added a veteran politician to its rather compact board of directors earlier this year and placed him in charge of nominating future board members. Paul Ryan, former House speaker, has as much reason as any conservative Republican in America to nurse a gigantic grudge against the president. To have him advising the new Fox News leadership strategy and future direction is a bold move by the aging star of the Donald Trump Show.

Let's recall who Ryan was at the point when the rogue missile from Manhattan locked onto the leadership of the GOP. A strapping fellow from Wisconsin who preaches went on television just two years ago as the GOP's future responsible jaw "The Book of Virtues," Ryan was No. 2 on the Republican presidential ticket in 2012. When he was elected speaker at age 45, he became the youngest person in almost 150 years to hold the third-highest office in the land. Arguably, Ryan was the face of the GOP's future responsibility and was carrying water for Trump, the budget-busting boor shredded Ryan's credibility as a fiscal hawk and dented his reputation for decency. In 2018, he declined to run for

reelection.

So Ryan has clear eyes regarding the fates of any who linger too long in the Trump embrace. Vanity Fair magazine's resident Fox News watcher, Gabriel Sherman, quoted an unnamed executive at the channel as saying, "Paul is embarrassed about Trump, and now he has the power to do something about it."

That said, as long as Fox News is giving prominence to such cynical remoras as Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham, embarrassment alone is unlikely to carry much weight. Fox News will need a plausible alternative story line if it is to bring its glorification of Trump to an end. Readers of the political winds should pay close attention to the way Fox News covers Vice President Mike Pence in the next few months. A Midwestern conservative and former House colleague of Ryan, Pence is a readily available narrative twist. If we start hearing stories on Fox News about his brave behind-the-scenes battles to steer a course through the Trumpstorm, that's the sign impeachment has gained the upper hand.

I don't relish the prospect. When I referred to impeachment as "rare" in a recent column, a reader reminded me that this is the third such proceeding in less than 50 years, each more divisive than the one before. A successful impeachment would be a blunt trauma to the republic. It would exacerbate the alienation of Trump's supporters and deepen the cultural divide. The authors of the Constitution made elections frequent and impeachment difficult for good reason. It's not too late to settle this at the ballot box.

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What I've learned from my first 2 impeachments

By DOYLE MCMAUS

Los Angeles Times

In 1973, as a student journalist, I stood against the back wall of the Senate Caucus Room and scribbled notes as the Senate Watergate Committee held hearings on the tangled misdeeds of President Richard Nixon. I listened as John Dean, Nixon's former counsel, said he had warned of "a cancer on the presidency."

In 1999, as a Los Angeles Times reporter, I stood in the Senate Press Gallery and watched senators solemnly pronounce their verdicts in the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton. And last week, I watched House Democrats launch the third formal effort to impeach a president in the last half-century, this time against President Donald Trump.

No two presidents are alike, of course, and no two impeachment battles are alike. Nixon resigned in disgrace in 1974 once it was clear that he would be impeached by the House and removed by the Senate. Clinton was impeached by the House but acquitted by the Senate. Trump finished his term as a largely popular figure.

The obvious question is whether Trump's experience will be more like Nixon's, ending his presidency, or like Clinton's, an ordeal he turned into a victory of sorts.

Nixon's offenses were weighty. In August 1974, the House Judiciary Committee approved three articles of impeachment, including one for abuse of power stemming from his attempts to use the FBI and the IRS to investigate his political opponents.

Clinton's offenses stemmed from his extramarital affair with a former White House intern and his false denials under oath. The principle at stake was perjury.

In both cases, impeachment began as a

partisan affair — Democrats investigating Nixon, Republicans pursuing Clinton. Most Americans initially opposed removing either president from office. But the two impeachments went in opposite directions.

In Nixon's case, two years of investigations unleashed an avalanche of new facts: abuses of power, an elaborate White House cover-up and undeniable evidence that Nixon had directed the entire criminal affair. Yet public opinion shifted very slowly. Only after the discovery of an Oval Office recording of Nixon ordering the cover-up did a majority want him to resign. Within days, GOP leaders told Nixon he had lost the support of his own party, and he quit.

In Clinton's case, an independent counsel found that he had lied under oath to cover up his affair. Most Americans didn't see that as a crime. When the House voted to impeach Clinton in 1998, 29% of voters approved, few of them Democrats.

Lesson One: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is correct: An impeachment effort can succeed only if it has bipartisan support. That's why Republicans, not Democrats, are the ones ordering the cover-up.

Most GOP lawmakers remain behind Trump. A few say the evidence that Trump abused his office for personal gain is serious enough to investigate, a position short of the all-out defense Trump would like.

Lesson Two: Facts, not arguments, drive shifts in public opinion. During Watergate, Republican officials offered evidence that Nixon was damning new evidence of his guilt emerged. In Clinton's case, his fundamental crime — lying about sex — seemed less significant, and Democrats never wavered in their support. That makes the whistleblower's complaint ominous for Trump.

The intense partisan alleged war of Trump blocked congressionally approved military

aid to Ukraine to back up his demand for dirt on Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden and his son Hunter, who had worked for an energy company in Kyiv.

The House investigation will either persuade more Republicans to voice concerns (as with Nixon) or it won't (a la Clinton).

Lesson Three: The offense must be "impeachable" — but there's no consensus on what that means. The Constitution cites bribery, treason and "high crimes and misdemeanors" as impeachable offenses, but it doesn't specify what the Gerald R. Ford offered the most practical definition before he succeeded Nixon: "An impeachable offense is whatever a majority of the House of Representatives considers it to be."

Some Republicans have argued that Trump's efforts to get Ukraine to help his 2020 campaign were "impeachable," but not "impeachable." But several elements make the allegations look weighty. Military support for Ukraine against Russia has strong bipartisan support in Congress. If the House investigations find that Trump delayed badly needed weapons to bully Ukraine into meddling in a U.S. election, many Republicans will be in the thick of it.

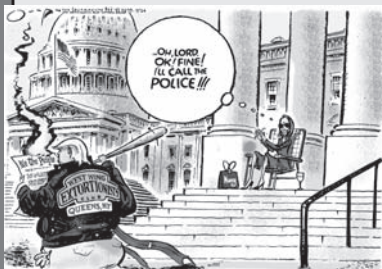
The irony is that the strongest evidence against Trump to date is his own words during a July 25 call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. It's why, according to the whistleblower, White House lawyers tried to "lock down" all records of the conversation.

Final lesson: Impeachment proceedings are long, painful and ugly. But eventually a resolution comes. Our republic has survived two impeachments in my lifetime. It can surely survive a third.

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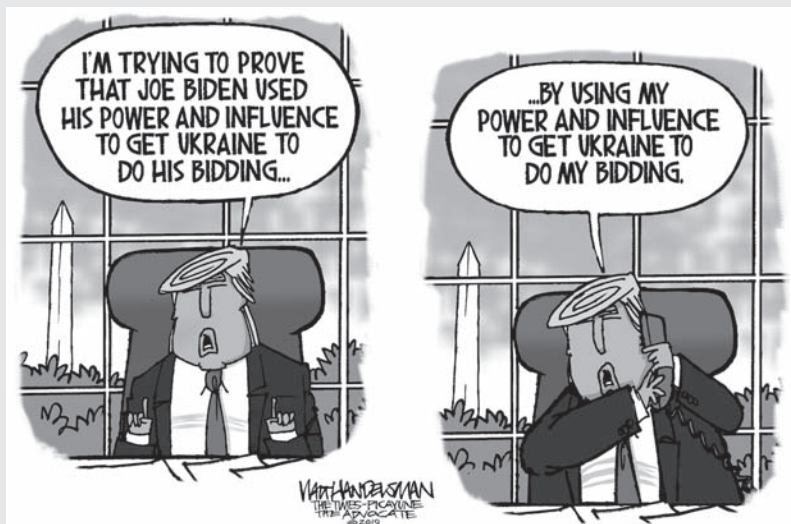
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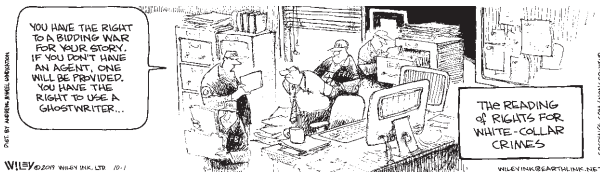
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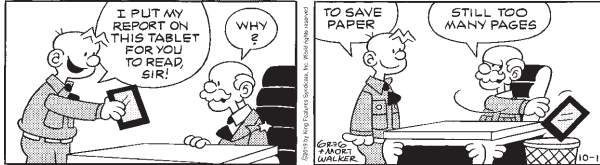
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- 48 Slender
- woodwind
- 49 "— Blue?"
- 50 Appear fully

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- Home, after the youngest child leaves
- "Arrivederci!"
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Chase Elliott poses with the trophy after Sunday's win at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

Elliott overcomes mistake, heat to win playoff race at Charlotte

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Alex Bowman had just advanced to the second round of NASCAR's playoffs, climbed from his car and slumped to the ground, dehydrated and overcome by the heat. As he was receiving medical attention, Bubba Wallace approached him and angrily splashed liquid in Bowman's face.

That closing image capped a sloppy Sunday in scorching temperatures at Charlotte Motor Speedway, where Chase Elliott won despite crashing head-on into a tire barrier earlier on The Roval. Elliott was leading on a restart headed into the first turn when he locked his brakes and his car dove directly off the course and crashed into the makeshift wall.

"I could not believe I did that. That was just so stupid," Elliott said. "I don't know that you could have done anything more stupid leading this race than what I did right there. Luckily our car wasn't too bad ... fast enough to drive up through that, get over the cautions at the right time, and just didn't quit."

"If there's ever a lesson to not quit, today was the example."

Elliott celebrated by returning to the corner where he'd wrecked earlier and placing the nose against the barrier before smoking his tires.

"I was coming back and saw that dang thing and thought I couldn't pass up the opportunity to redeem myself," Elliott said of his celebration.

The winner, though, was not the spotlight in NASCAR's first elimination race of the playoffs.



Mike McCann/AP

Chase Elliott (9) passes Kevin Harvick for the lead and the win on Sunday. Harvick finished third.

The focus was on the four drivers who would be trimmed from the 16-driver championship field, and Bowman spent the entire race fighting for a spot in the second round. He crashed his car in the final moments of Saturday practice and had to go to a back-up, then spun in the opening laps Sunday, deliberately spun Wallace in anger, and had to claw his way to a second-place finish.

But the 1-2 finish for Hendrick Motorsports was no guarantee that Bowman would advance. Ryan Newman, further back in the field, had the point advantage on Bowman and Bowman had no control of his own fate.

Then Newman, racing Eric Almirola over the final few laps for a shot at advancing, missed a chicane with two laps remaining and the error eliminated him from the playoffs.

"I felt like I made a lot of mis-

takes trying too hard," said Newman, who also stalled his Ford during a pit stop. "We did not have the race car and that's what I had to do."

The point difference swung to Bowman, who couldn't celebrate because he needed immediate medical attention.

It was a messy day on the hybrid road course/oval at Charlotte, where the championship chances ended for Newman, Almirola, Kurt Busch and Erik Jones.

Kevin Harvick finished third and was followed by Stewart Haas Racing teammate Clint Bowyer, who was in danger of being eliminated from the playoffs but advanced with his fourth-place finish.

Brad Keselowski was fifth and followed by pole-sitter William Byron, Martin Truex Jr. and Ryan Blaney as playoff drivers claimed the top eight spots.

Batters shatter season record for home runs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major league batters finished with 6,776 home runs, shattering the previous record of 6,105 set two years ago.

Dominic Smith hit the final long ball of the season, a three-run drive in the 11th inning Sunday off Atlanta's Grant Dayton that lifted the New York Mets over the NL East champion Braves 7-6.

Oakland's Steven Piscotty started the barrage on March 20 in Tokyo against Seattle's Marco Gonzales, the sixth batter of the season.

This year's total was 11% above the old record and 21% higher than last year's 5,585.

Minnesota hit three home runs Sunday to establish the big league team record with 307, one more than the Yankees. The previous mark of 267 was set last year by New York. This year's Yankees became the first team with 14 players reaching double-digits in home runs.

Major League Baseball has asked for more scientific tests on baseballs, and Commissioner Rob Manfred expects to have results after the World Series.

Strikeouts set a record for the 12th consecutive season at 42,823, up 4% from 41,207 last year and 33% from 32,189 in 2007. A year after strikeouts exceeded hits for the first time, by 189 (41,018 hits), the gap grew to 783 (42,040 hits).

The big league batting average rose four percentage points .252, a year after dropping to its lowest level since 1972, the season before the American League adopted the designated hitter.

Tim Anderson became only the third Chicago White Sox player to win an AL batting title and injured Milwaukee star Christian Yelich wound up as the National League's first repeat champion in two decades.

Anderson went 0-for-2 Sunday and finished at .335, eight points ahead of the Yankees' DJ LeMahieu. Anderson joined Lou Gehrig (.360), '43 and Frank Thomas (.937) as White Sox batting champions.

Yelich wound up at .3292, just ahead of Arizona's Ketel Marte's .3286, as neither made it to the season's final weekend. Yelich's season ended when he broke his right kneecap by fouling a pitch of it on Sept. 10. Marte has not played since Sept. 17 due to lower back inflammation.

Yelich won at .326 last year and became the NL's first back-to-back batting champion since Colorado's Larry Walker in 1998 and '99, which started a run of three titles in four years. The closest NL race was in 2003, when Albert Pujols of St. Louis beat Todd Helton of Colorado .35871 to .35849.

The New York Mets' Pete Alonso became the first rookie since the modern era began in 1900 to lead the major leagues in home runs, hitting 53. Jorge Soler hit his 48th Sunday to become the Royals' first home run champion.

Washington's Anthony Rendon led the major leagues with 126 RBIs and Jose Altuve of the White Sox topped the AL with 123.

By the numbers

6,766

Total home runs hit by major league batters this season, 11% more than the previous record of 6,105 set in 2017.

307

Total homers hit by the Minnesota Twins this season, topping last season's Yankees (267) for a new MLB team record.

42,823

Total strikeouts this season, setting a new record for the 12th consecutive season. It's the 2nd time in history Ks exceeded hits (42,040).

SOURCE: Associated Press

Houston's Justin Verlander led the major leagues with 21 wins and teammate Gerrit Cole earned his 20th victory on the final day by winning his 16th straight decision.

Cole led the major leagues with 326 strikeouts and Verlander had 300, the first teammates to reach the figure in the same season since Arizona's Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling in 2002. Cole had 21 double-digit, streakout games, the most since Johnson in 2001, and became the first pitcher to strike out 300 with no complete games.

Jacob deGrom of the Mets led the NL for the first time with 255.

Hyun-Jin Ryu of the Los Angeles Dodgers won his first ERA title at 2.32. Cole led the AL at 2.50.

Houston (107), the Dodgers (106), the Yankees (103) and Minnesota (101) became the first four teams to win 100 games in the same season. Detroit (114), Baltimore (108), Miami (105) and Kansas City (103) became the second set of four teams to lose 100 in the same year and the first since Tampa Bay, Detroit, Milwaukee and Kansas City in 2002.

San Diego's Kirby Yates led the major league with 41 saves and Houston's Roberto Osuna topped the AL with 38.

Atlanta's Ronald Acuna Jr. had 37 stolen bases, the lowest total for an NL leader since Maury Wills' 31 for the 1961 Los Angeles Dodgers. Seattle's Mallek Smith led the AL with 46.

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California defies NCAA, will allow college athletes to make money

By ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Defying the NCAA, California's governor signed a first-in-the-nation law Monday that will let college athletes hire agents and make money from endorsements — a move that could upend amateur sports in the U.S. and trigger a legal challenge.

Under the law, which takes effect in 2023, students at public and private universities in the state will be allowed to sign deals with sneaker companies, soft drink makers and other advertisers to profit from their images, names or likenesses, just like the pros.

"It's going to change college sports for the better by having now the interest, finally, of the athletes on par with the interests of the institutions," Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a tweet video. "Now we're rebalancing that power arrangement."

He predicted other states will introduce similar legislation. Two lawmakers in South Carolina have already announced plans to do so.

The new law applies to all sports, though the big money to be made is in football and basketball. It bars schools from kicking athletes off the team if they get paid. It does not apply to community colleges and prohibits athletes from accepting endorsement deals that conflict with their schools' existing contracts.

The NCAA, which had asked Newsom to veto the bill, responded by saying it will consider its "next steps" while also moving forward with "efforts to make adjustments to NCAA name, image and likeness rules that are both realistic in modern society and tied to higher education."

The NCAA, which has 1,100 member schools and claims nearly a half-million athletes, said that "changes are needed to continue to support student-athletes," but that such changes must be done at a national level through the NCAA, not through a patchwork of state laws.

Before the governor signed the bill, the NCAA cautioned that the law would give California universities an unfair recruiting advantage, which could prompt the athletic association to bar them from competition.

Powerhouse programs like the

University of Southern California, the University of California, Los Angeles, Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley, could find themselves banned.

But while the NCAA is the top governing body for college sports, membership is voluntary. If the California schools are forced out, they could form a new league.

Professional athletes have endorsed the law, including NBA superstar LeBron James, whose 14-year-old son is a closely watched basketball prospect in Los Angeles and will be 18 when the measure takes effect.

On Instagram, James exulted over the signing of the law, saying it will "change the lives for countless athletes who deserve it!"

He added: "NCAA, you got the next move. We can solve this for everyone!"

Democratic state Sen. Nancy Skinner, the bill's author, said the measure lets athletes share in the wealth they create.

"For decades, college sports has generated billions for all involved except the very people most responsible for creating the wealth. That's wrong," she said.

Newsom likewise portrayed the law as righting a wrong.

"Other college students with a talent, whether it be literature, music, or technological innovation, can monetize their skill and hard work," he said. "Student athletes, however, are prohibited from being compensated while their respective colleges and universities make millions, often at great risk to athletes' health, academics, and professional careers."

The NCAA has steadfastly refused to pay players in most cases. But a committee led by Ohio State Athletic Director Gene Smith and Big East Commissioner Val Ackerman is studying other ways players could make money. Its report is expected in October.

The NCAA does let some athletes accept money in some instances. Tennis players can accept up to \$10,000 in prize money per year, and Olympians can accept winnings from their competitions. Plus, schools in the big "Power 5" conferences can pay players yearly cost-of-living stipends of between \$2,000 and \$4,000.

The NCAA reported \$1.1 billion in revenue in 2017.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Buccaneers tight end Cameron Brate scores while being defended by Rams cornerback Aqib Talib during Sunday's game in Los Angeles. Tampa Bay won 55-40.

Bucs outlast Rams

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Buccaneers' phenomenal start at the Coliseum gave way to creeping dread as the Rams rallied. Tampa Bay's 18-point lead rapidly shrunk to five early in the fourth quarter, forcing everybody to recall last week's blown 18-point lead over the Giants.

With one big play after another, the Bucs made sure it wouldn't happen against the defending NFC champions.

And nobody came up bigger than Shaquil Barrett and Ndamukong Suh.

Jameis Winston passed for 385 yards and threw two of his four touchdown passes to Chris Godwin, and Suh returned Jared Goff's fumble 37 yards for a touchdown with 1:06 to play in the Buccaneers' 55-40 victory over Los Angeles on Sunday.

Godwin had career highs of 12 catches for 172 yards as the Buccaneers (2-2) jumped to an early 21-0 lead and then scored 24 points in a wild fourth quarter to complete the highest-scoring game in the franchise's 44-year history.

"We've got to be able to win games like this, but we don't want to have to win games like this,"

Barrett said. "I don't like giving up 40 points. That's what you do in college."

Suh made a TD return against his old teammates after Barrett forced the fumble with his ninth sack of the young season. Tampa Bay gave up 518 total yards, but hung on for its first win over the Rams since 2010 in a potentially momentous performance under first-year coach Bruce Arians.

"We knew it was going to come down to the last five minutes of that game, whether we played well or not," Arians said. "We did today, and we're learning. It was a tough loss last week, but victories like these galvanize a team, and this team is starting to believe and see what they can be."

Peyton Barber and Ronald Jones II rushed for TDs, and Cameron Brate also had a TD reception. Winston picked apart the Los Angeles secondary while going 28 of 41, while Godwin had the most catches by a Tampa Bay receiver since Keyshawn Johnson in 2001.

Barrett's late sack was his ninth already this season. He matched Mark Gastineau (1984), Kevin Greene (1998) and Kabeer Gbajabiamila (2001) for the most sacks in NFL history through a team's first four games since sacks became a stat in 1982.

Buccaneers 55, Rams 40	
Tampa Bay	7 21 3 24-25
L.A. Rams	0 17 3 20-40
First Quarter	
TB—Barber 3 run (Gyk kick), 10:53.	
Second Quarter	
TB—Godwin 3 pass from Winston (Gyk kick), 8:28.	
LA—Gurley 13 run (Zuerlein kick), 5:34.	
LA—Everett 5 pass from Goff (Zuerlein kick), 2:50.	
TB—Jones 5 run (Gyk kick), :47.	
Third Quarter	
LA—FG Zuerlein 44, 3:03.	
TB—FG Gyk 58, 4:33.	
Fourth Quarter	
TB—Brate 13 pass from Winston (Gyk kick), 14:55.	
LA—Gurley 5 run (Zuerlein kick), 12:31.	
TB—M.Evans 67 pass from Winston (Gyk kick), 11:35.	
LA—Kupp 29 pass from Goff (Zuerlein kick), 9:12.	
TB—Peters 32 interception return, 8:11.	
TB—FG Gyk 21, 2:35.	
TB—Suh 37 fumble return (Gyk kick), 1:06.	

	TB	LA
First downs	27	36
Total Net Yards	464	518
Rushes-yards	30-88	11-28
Passing	376	480
Punt Returns	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-34	1-22
Interceptions Ret.	3-41	1-32
Comp.-Att.-Int	28-41-1	45-68-3
Sacks-Yards Lost	2-9	2-27
Fumbles	2-40	1-41
Penalties-Yards	12-99	13-106
Time of Possession	32:36	27:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Jones 19-70, Barber 9-19, Ogunbowale 1-0, Winston 1-minus 1; Los Angeles, Gurley 5-16, Brown 5-16, Goff 4-minus 2.

PASSING—Tampa Bay, Winston 28-41-1; Los Angeles, Goff 45-68-3; 517.

RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, Godwin 12-162, M.Evans 4-59, Brate 3-56, O.Howard 3-33, Ogunbowale 3-16, Wilson 1-14, Watson 1-13, Jones 1-12; Los Angeles, Woods 13-164, Kupp 9-121, Gurley 7-54, Cooks 6-71, Everett 5-44, Higbee 4-41, Reynolds 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Advantage: Road teams experiencing surprising success

FROM BACK PAGE

championship games had first-round byes.

The home team won 10 straight conference title games before last season. Nine were won by No. 1 seeds, and the other by a No. 2. The Patriots and Rams both were No. 2 seeds who won on the road last season.

Four of the last six Super Bowls have featured two No. 1 seeds, one had a No. 1 vs. a No. 2 and the other pitted two No. 2s.

Let's take a closer look at implications of Week 4's road upsets:

Philadelphia at Green Bay The Eagles saved their season by going to Lambeau Field on a short

week and knocking off Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers 34-27 on Thursday night. Down the road, the victory gives Philadelphia (2-2) a tiebreaker advantage over the Packers (3-1) if the teams finish tied.

Cleveland at Baltimore: The Browns took early control in the AFC North with their rout over the Ravens. Both teams are 2-2 while the Bengals and Steelers are winless heading into their matchup. Cleveland hosts Baltimore in Week 16, potentially with the division crown on the line.

Tampa Bay at Los Angeles Rams: The Buccaneers are 2-2 thanks to their offensive outburst against the Rams (3-1). The loss

could come back to haunt Los Angeles in a tough division that includes San Francisco (3-0) and Seattle (3-1).

Carolina at Houston: The Panthers received a 1-3 start with a 16-10 win over the Texans, who fell to 2-2 just like the rest of the AFC South teams.

Oakland at Indianapolis: The Raiders and Colts are both 2-2 following Oakland's win. Indy missed an opportunity to move atop its division standings.

Jacksonville at Denver: The Jaguars kept pace with the rest of their division by edging the Broncos 26-24. Denver is 0-4 and already playing for the draft positioning.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Michel 17-63, Dorsett 1-9, Bolden 1-4, J.White 1-1, Brady 3-(minus) 3. **Buffalo,** Gady 17-109, Allen 5-26.

PASSING—New England, Brady 18-39, 1-150. **Buffalo,** Allen 13-28-3-153, Barkley 9-16-1-127.

RECEIVING—New England, J.White 8-57, Edelman 4-30, Gordon 3-46, Dorsett 2-15, Keithhead 1-7. **Buffalo,** Knox 7-25, Brown 5-69, Yeldon 4-68, Beasley 3-58, Jones 2-4, A.Roberts 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Buffalo, Hauschka 49.

Fournette runs wild as Jags rally past Broncos

Miller's foul spoiled his big day in which he collected his 99th and 100th career sacks.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.



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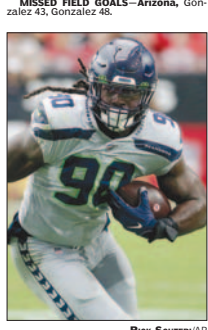
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Seahawks take control early against Cardinals

Arizona's problems were a familiar story. The Cardinals (0-3-1) moved the ball fairly well in the first half, but couldn't convert that success into touchdowns. To make matters worse, Zane Gonzalez missed field goal attempts from 43 and 48 yards and the Seahawks led 20-3 at halftime.

Sunday in Stockholm, 1911.



RICK SCUTERI/AP

NFL

Chiefs score late to edge Lions, stay unbeaten

By LARRY LAGE

Associated Press

DETROIT—Patrick Mahomes made more plays than usual with his legs because the Detroit Lions set up their defense to limit what the superstar quarterback could do with his arm.

Mahomes converted a fourth down with a scramble to extend a game-winning drive that ended with Darrel Williams' 1-yard touchdown run with 23 seconds left for his second score in the fourth quarter, lifting the Kansas City Chiefs to a 34-30 victory over the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

"With what they were doing, there were lanes to run," Mahomes said. "I saw a lane and I took it."

The reigning NFL MVP had thrown at least two touchdown passes in 14 consecutive games, one short of the NFL record set by Peyton Manning. He also was the first player in league history to have at least 350 yards passing and three touchdowns without an interception in three successive games before getting slowed down in Detroit.

"They found a way to take away some of the stuff that we like to do," said Mahomes, who was 24 of 42 for 315 yards. "They hadn't lost a game for a reason."

Kansas City (4-0) stayed undefeated after starting its game-winning drive on the 21 with 2:25 left. Jackson, fourth-and-8 from the Chiefs 34, Mahomes dropped back before busting through a hole up the middle for 15 yards to help him finish with a career-high 56 yards rushing.

"When they start doubling people, there are going to be some lanes and he knew that," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "The Lions (2-1-1) were deter-



DUANE BULESON/AP

The Detroit Lions game plan focused on taking big pass plays away from Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes. They were largely successful, but Mahomes used his feet to help the Chiefs win.

mined to take away big plays in Kansas City's passing game, doubling tight end Travis Kelce and receiver Sammy Watkins with some success. The scheme, though, cleared space for Mahomes to run and coach Matt Patricia doesn't regret it.

"If he goes back there and throws it vertical with some of the speed that he has, then I'm not going to be happy," he said. "The plan almost worked."

Kansas City went ahead for the first time early in the third quarter when Bashaud Breeland recovered Kerryon Johnson's fumble and returned it 100 yards, taking advantage of everyone on the field appearing to stop momentarily and the officials not blowing a whistle. The pivotal play stood after review.

"We preach that every day," Breeland said. "You pick up the ball at the end, whether it's alive

or dead. You never know."

The Lions scored the first 10 points and after Kansas City pulled into two ties, they went back ahead late in the second, third and fourth quarters.

Stafford threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Kenny Golladay with 2:26 left to give Detroit a 30-27 lead. The call on the field stood after a review, which showed Golladay got both feet in the end zone. Golladay had a touchdown

Chiefs 34, Lions 30

Kansas City 0 13 7 14-34
Detroit 10 3 10 7-30

Det.—FG Prater 25, 9:22.
Det.—Henson 5 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 3:05.

First Quarter
KC—FG Butler 23, 14:12.
KC—McCoy 1 run (Butker kick), 4:13.
Det.—FG Prater 48, 1:03.
KC—FG Butler 44, :02.

Second Quarter
KC—Breedland 100 fumble return (Butker kick), 5:08.
Det.—FG Prater 53, 6:19.
Det.—Golladay 9 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 1:10.
KC—DarWilliams 1 run (Butker kick), 12:09.

Third Quarter
Det.—Golladay 6 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 2:26.
KC—DarWilliams 1 run (Butker kick), 20.

Fourth Quarter
A—65,188.
First downs 29 29
Total Net Yards 438 447
Rushes-yards 25-123 35-186
Passing 315 261
Punt Returns 2-3 1-(minus 1)
Kickoff Returns 6-142 2-29
Interceptions Ret. 0-0 0-0
Comp-Att-Int 24-42-0 21-34-0
Sacked-Yards Lost 0-0 4-30
Punts 2-45.5 3-43.7
Fumbles-Lost 4-3 2-2
Penalties-Yards 7-51 8-48
Time of Possession 26:06 33:54

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Kansas City, McCoy 11-56, Mahomes 6-54, DarWilliams 8-13. **Det.** K.Johnson 12-55, McKissic 4-30, Stafford 2-18, T.Johnson 3-13.
PASSING—Kansas City, Mahomes 24-42-0-315. **Detroit**, Stafford 21-34-0-291.
RECEIVING—Kansas City, Kelce 7-85, D.Robinson 4-35, Watkins 3-54, DarWilliams 3-43, Yelder 2-43, McCoy 2-33, Hardman 2-9, Pringle 1-13. **Detroit**, Golladay 5-67, M.Jones 3-77, Hockenson 3-27, T.Thomas 3-25, Hall 2-47, K.Johnson 2-32, McKissic 1-11, Bawden 1-4, T.Johnson 1-1.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Kansas City, Butler 36.

turned over by review early in the third because it was ruled he did not maintain control of the ball throughout the process of the catch.

Stafford was 21 of 34 for 291 yards with three touchdowns, including two to Golladay and one to T.J. Hockenson. Stafford's second touchdown pass of the game and third to Golladay—put Detroit up 23-20 and followed a fifth fumble in the third quarter.

Browns 40, Ravens 25

Cleveland 7 3 14 16-40
Baltimore 10 3 10 7-25

First Quarter
Cle—Seals-Jones 9 pass from Mayfield (Seibert kick), 2:50.

Second Quarter
Bal—Boydin 9 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 1:55.
Cle—FG Seibert 24, :08.

Third Quarter
Bal—FG Tucker 41, 11:15.
Cle—Chubb 14 run (Seibert kick), 9:41.
Cle—Chubb 2 run (Seibert kick), 5:3.

Fourth Quarter
Bal—Andrews 8 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 9:51.
Cle—Chubb 88 run (pass failed), 9:35.
Cle—FG Seibert 43, 6:56.
Cle—Hilliard 1 run (Seibert kick), 2:14.
Bal—Snead 20 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), :30.
A—70,686.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Cleveland, Mayfield 20-165, Hilliard 6-27, Mayfield 3-1, Baltimore, Ingram 12-71, Jackson 9-66, Edwards 6-25, Hill 2-1.
PASSING—Cleveland, Mayfield 20-30-1-247, Seals-Jones 10-140, Baltimore, L.Jackson 24-34-2-247.
RECEIVING—Cleveland, Landry 8-167, Seals-Jones 3-82, Chubb 3-18, Hilliard 2-27, Beckham 2-20, P.Rbrown 1-18, Ratley 1-10. **Baltimore**, Robert 2-39, Andrews 4-31, M.Brown 4-22, Boydin 3-32, Snead 2-31, Hill 2-39, Hill 1-9, Boyle 1-8, Edwards 1-8, Ingram 1-0.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

By DAVID GINSBURG

Associated Press

BALTIMORE—Baker Mayfield and the Cleveland Browns finally lived up to the hype.

Even better, the brash quarterback and the long suffering franchise celebrated their coming out party with a lopsided victory over a longtime nemesis.

Mayfield threw for 342 yards and a touchdown, Nick Chubb ran for a pivotal 88-yard score and the Browns beat the Baltimore Ravens 40-25 Sunday to earn a share of first place in the AFC North.

Chubb finished with 165 yards and three TDs against the league's third-ranked rushing defense. Jarvis Landry had eight catches for 167 yards before leaving with a suspected concussion. Odell Beckham Jr. had two catches for 20 yards in a supporting role.

The addition of Beckham and the maturation of Mayfield, combined with an improved defense, created high expectations for the Browns (2-2) during the off-



BRIAN ANO/AP

Cleveland Browns running back Nick Chubb eludes Baltimore Ravens cornerback Maurice Canady, right, on his way to a touchdown in the second half Sunday in Baltimore.

season. Then Cleveland started 1-2, losing twice at home. Worse, Mayfield threw five interceptions and just three touchdown passes.

None of that mattered after the Browns breezed past the Ravens.

"We know how good we can be. That's the frustrating part about how we started," Mayfield said. "We just need to do our job and that's what guys did this week."

First-year coach Freddie Kitch-

ens concurred.

"You keep your head down and keep working, usually good things happen," he said. "You turn the corner."

Cleveland kept Baltimore quarterback Lamar Jackson in check and used Mayfield's passing and Chubb's physical running to rip the Ravens for 530 yards—the second consecutive week Baltimore (2-2) yielded more than 500.

"We've just got to clean it up and guys do their job. Simple as that," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "We're not doing our assignment the way we're supposed to, too many times, and it's costing us big plays."

Mayfield hit Landry for 65 yards and connected with Ricky Seals-Jones for 59. Then, of course, there was Chubb's 88-yard run.

Cleveland is tied atop the division with the Ravens, who won it last year. It's the first time Cleveland has been in first place after four games since 2013.

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NFL: ON FOOTBALL



Road warriors

Home field no advantage in Week 4

Above: Buccaneers WR Chris Godwin, center, scores in front of Rams DB Nickell Robey-Coleman, left, on Sunday in Los Angeles.

Left: Raiders FS Karl Joseph celebrates a fumble recovery against the Colts in Indianapolis.

AP photos

By ROB MAADDI
Associated Press

Losing at home in September could force some teams to have to win on the road in January.

There was no home-field advantage in Week 4 in the NFL. Road teams are 10-3 entering Monday night's Bengals-Steelers game. Three of those 10 teams were at least 6½-point underdogs.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers (+9½) went to Los Angeles and set a franchise-record for points in a 55-40 win over the Rams. The Cleveland Browns (+7) defeated the Ravens 40-25 for only their second victory in Baltimore since 2008. The Oakland Raiders

By the numbers

35-26-1

Record for teams playing away from home this season. It's only the third time since 1970 that road teams have a winning record after four weeks. They were 33-23 in 1983 and 30-26 in 1978.

SOURCE: Associated Press

(+6) defeated the Colts 31-24 in Indianapolis.

Success on the road is nothing new this season. Road teams are 35-26-1 so far. It's only the third time since 1970 that road teams have a winning record after four weeks. They were 33-23 in 1983 and 30-26 in 1978.

Of course, it's easier to win on the road the first month of the season when the weather is nicer and elements aren't a factor. Doing it later in the season is a much tougher task, so earning a No. 1 or No. 2 seed is vital for a team's playoff success.

Twenty-five of the last 32 teams to play in the conference

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